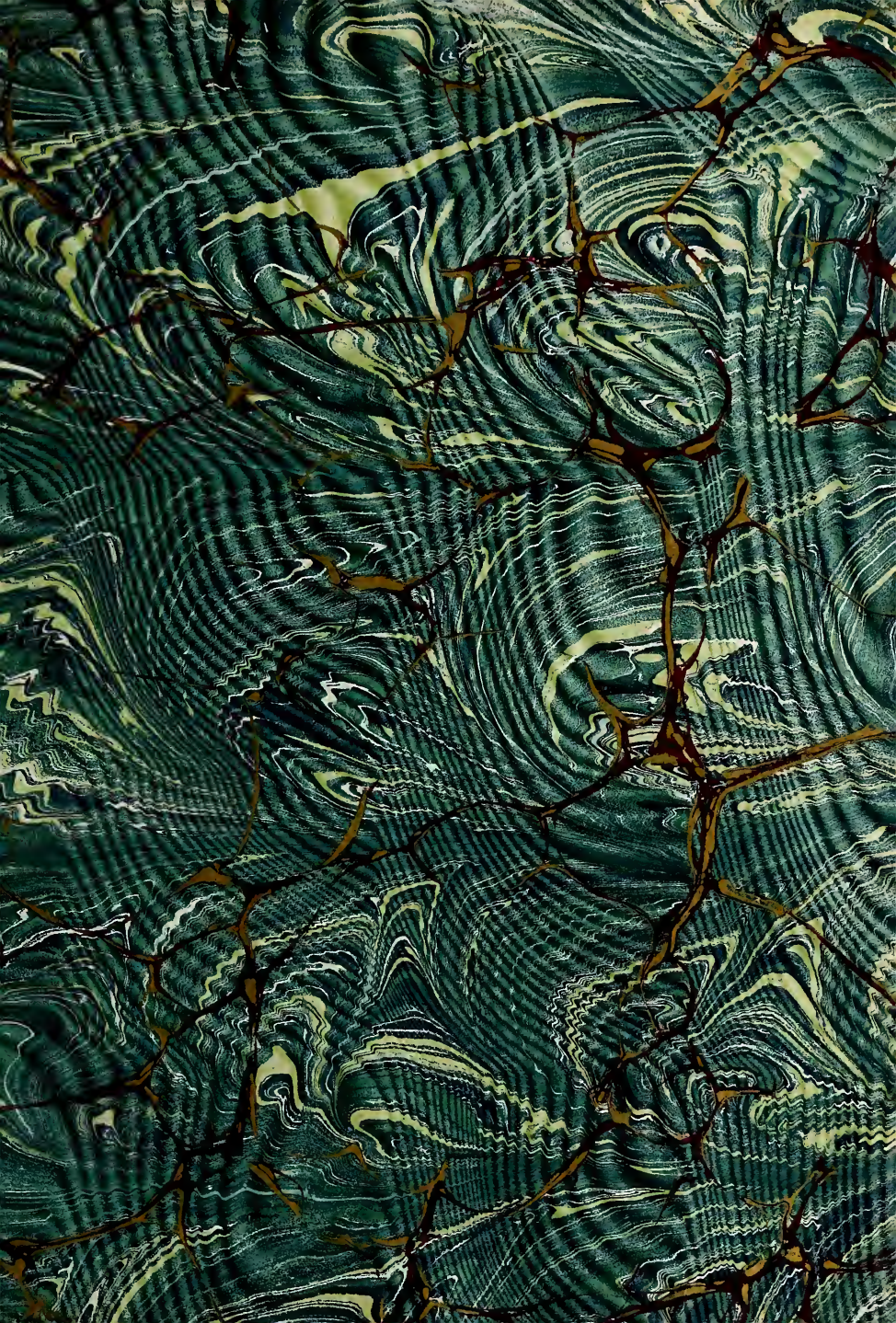

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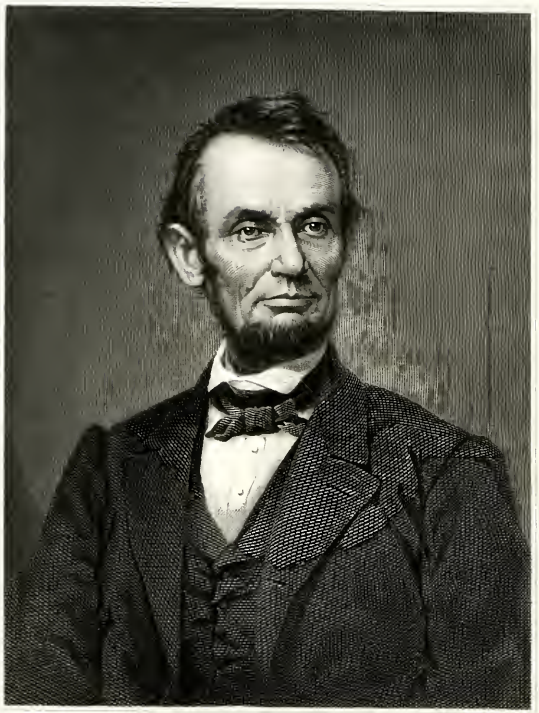

ELEGIAC ODE

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THE MUSIC COMPOSED BY

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FROM PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S BURIAL HYMN.

Come, lovely and soothing Death,
Undulate round the world, serenely arriving, arriving,
In the day, in the night, to all, to each,
Sooner or later, delicate Death.

Prais'd be the fathomless universe,
For life and joy, and for objects and knowledge marvellous;
And for love, sweet love— But praise! praise! praise!
For the sure-enwinding arms of cool-enfolding Death.

Dark Mother, always gliding near, with soft feet,
Have none chanted for thee a chant of fullest welcome?
Then I chant it for thee— I glorify thee above all;
I bring thee a song that when thou must indeed come, come unfalteringly.

Approach, strong Deliveress!
When it is so— when thou hast taken them, I joyously sing the dead,
Lost in the loving, floating ocean of thee,
Laved in the flood of thy bliss, O Death.

From me to thee glad serenades,
Dances for thee I propose, saluting thee— adornments and feastings for thee;
And the sights of the open landscape, and the high-spread sky, are fitting,
And life and the fields, and the huge and thoughtful night.

The night, in silence, under many a star;
The ocean shore, and the husky whispering wave, whose voice I know;
And the soul turning to thee, O vast and well-veil'd Death,
And the body gratefully nestling close to thee.

Over the tree tops I float thee a song!
Over the rising and sinking waves— over the myriad fields, and the prairies wide;
Over the dense pack'd cities all, and the teeming wharves and ways,
I float this carol with joy, with joy to thee, O Death!

Walt Whitman.

ELEGIAC ODE.

No. I. CHORUS.

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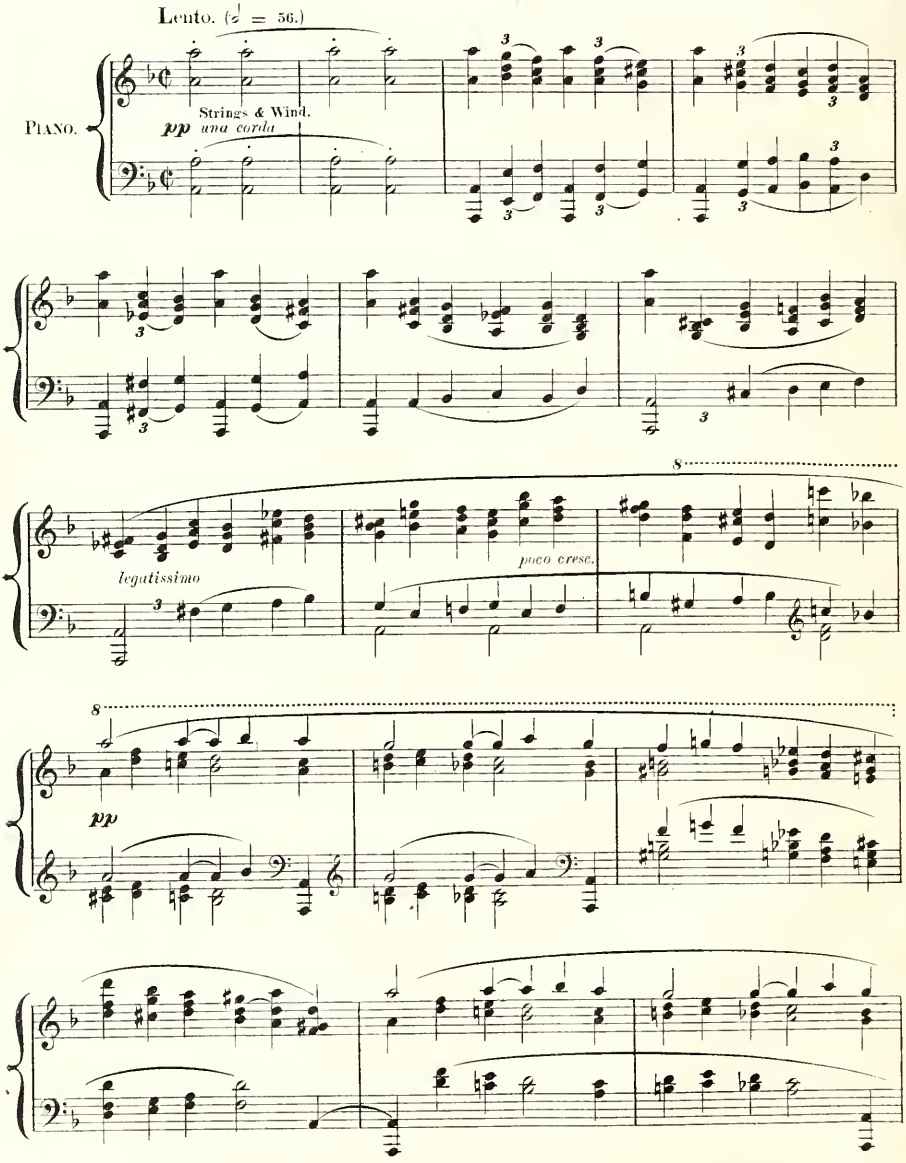
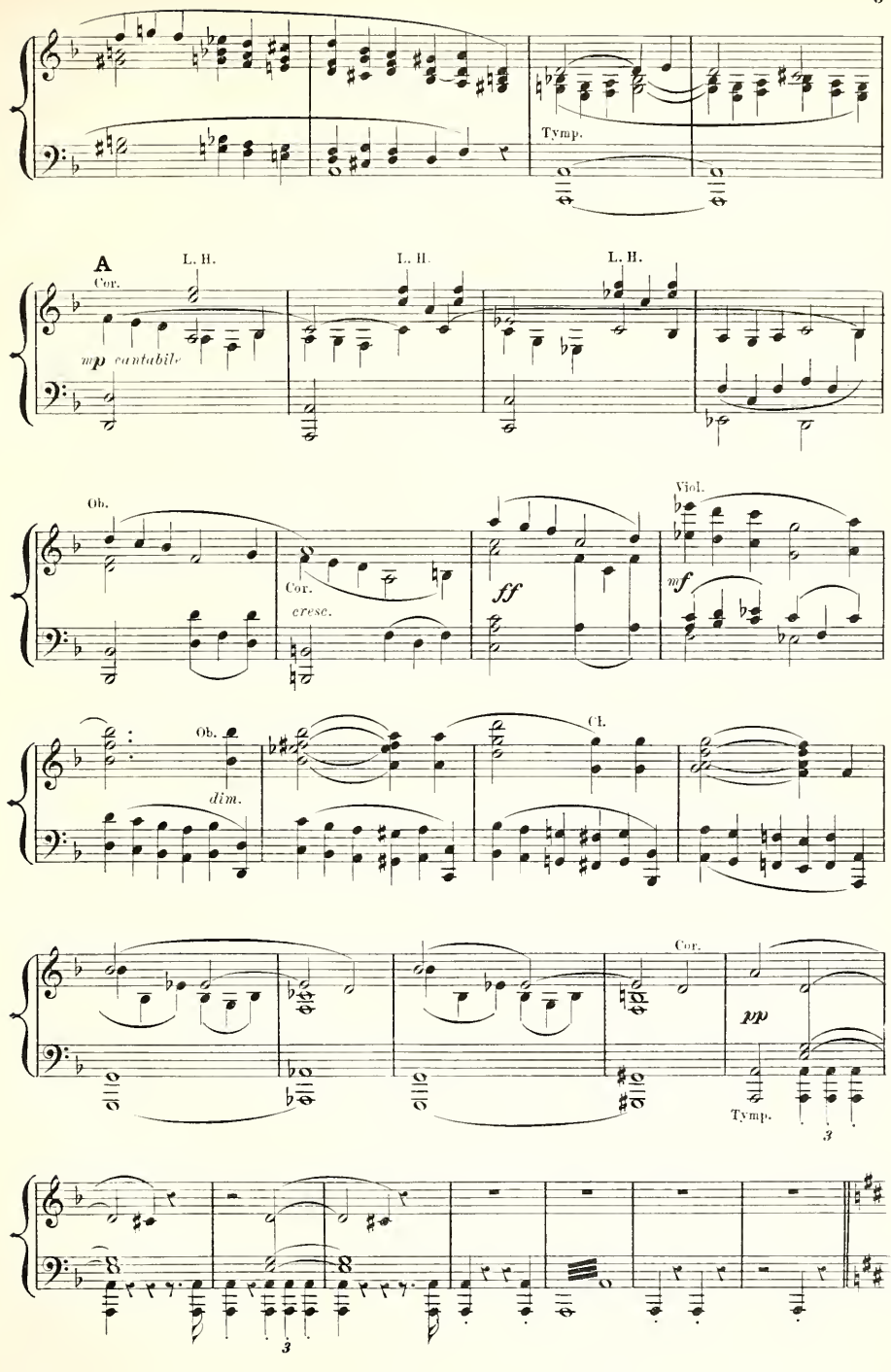
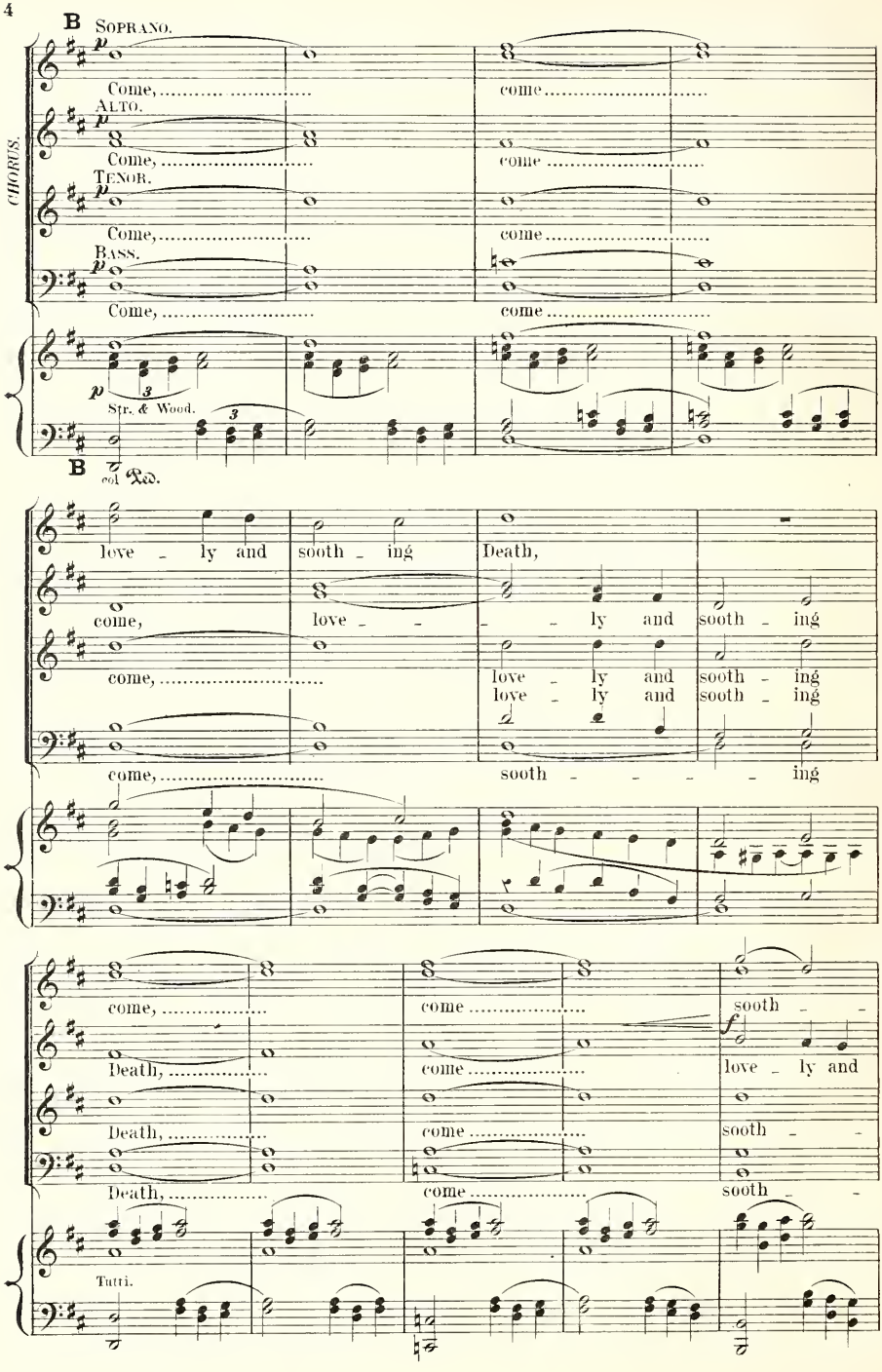
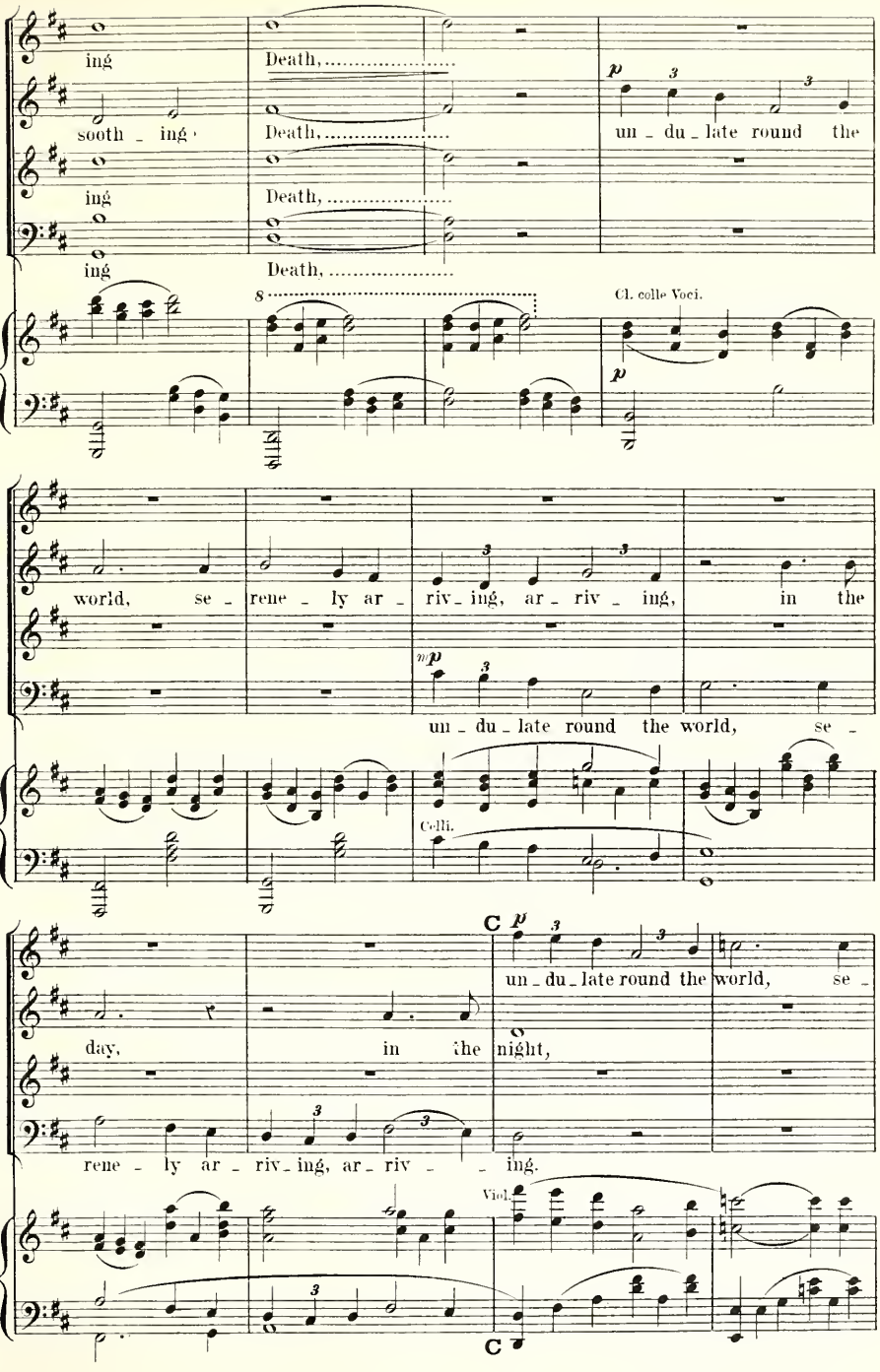
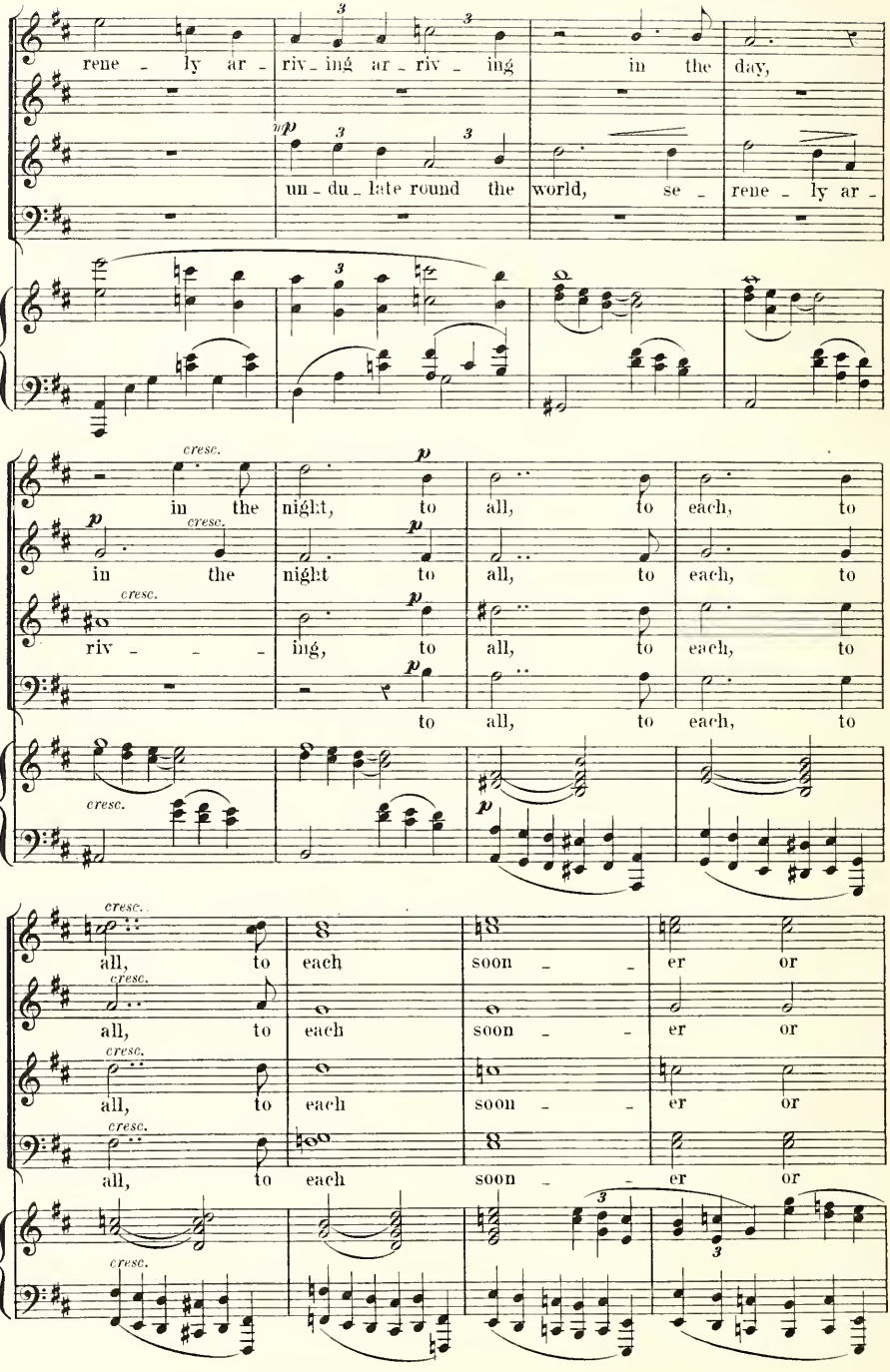
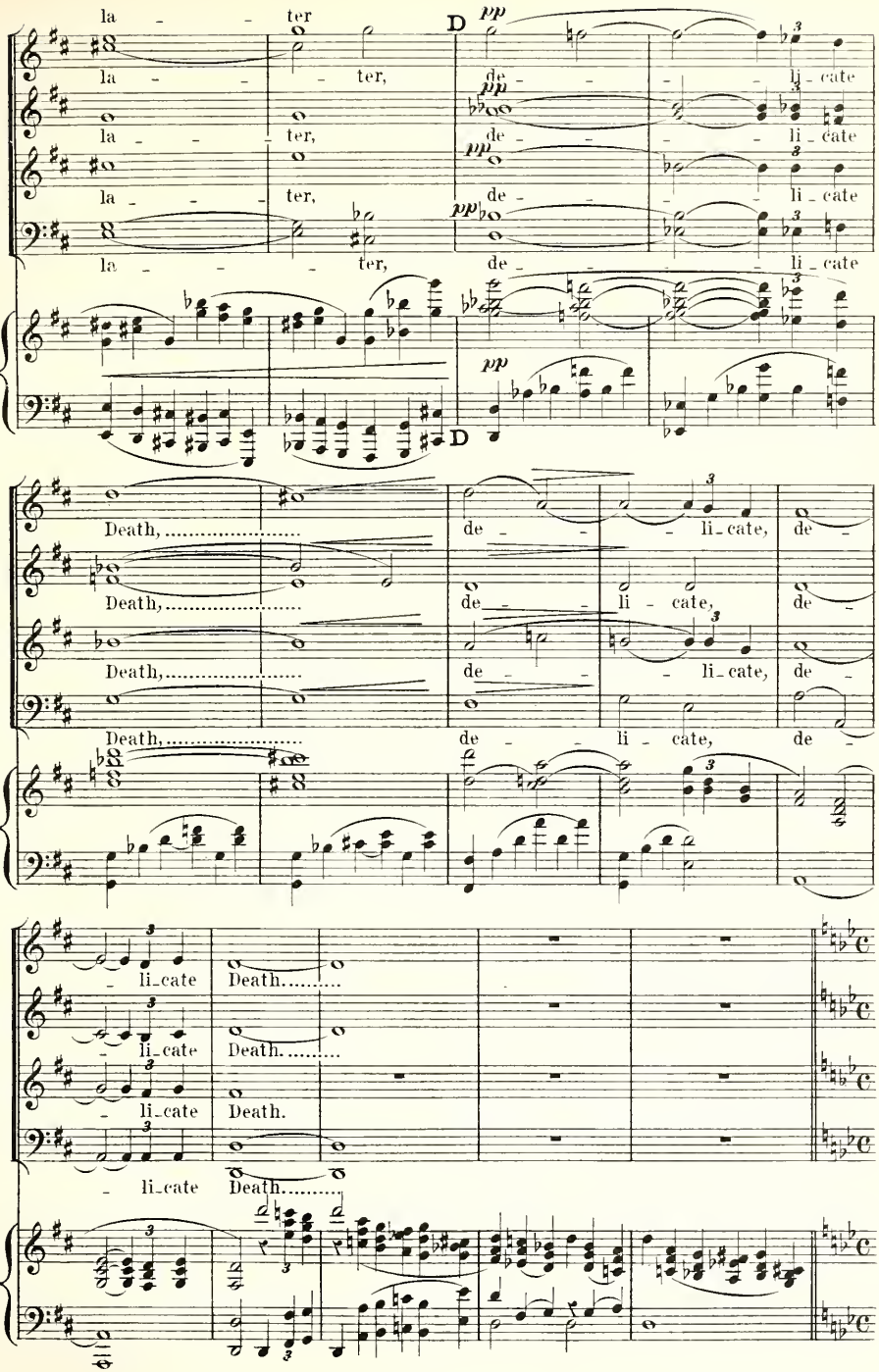


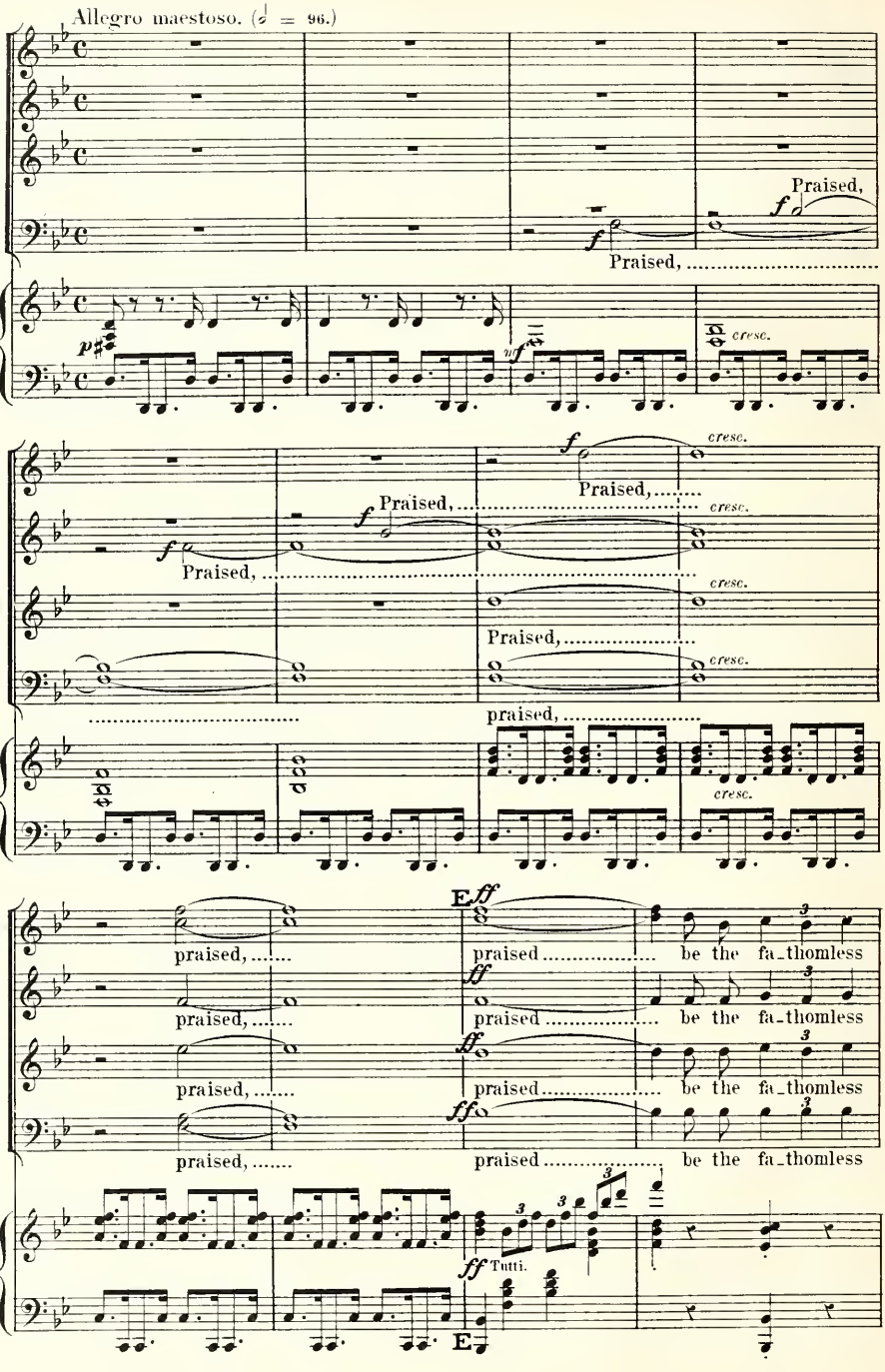

Tymp.
A
Cor.
L. H.
L. H.
L. H.
mp cantabile
Ob.
Cor.
cresc.
ff
Viol.
mf
Ob.
dim.
Cl.
Cor.
pp
Tymp.
3
3

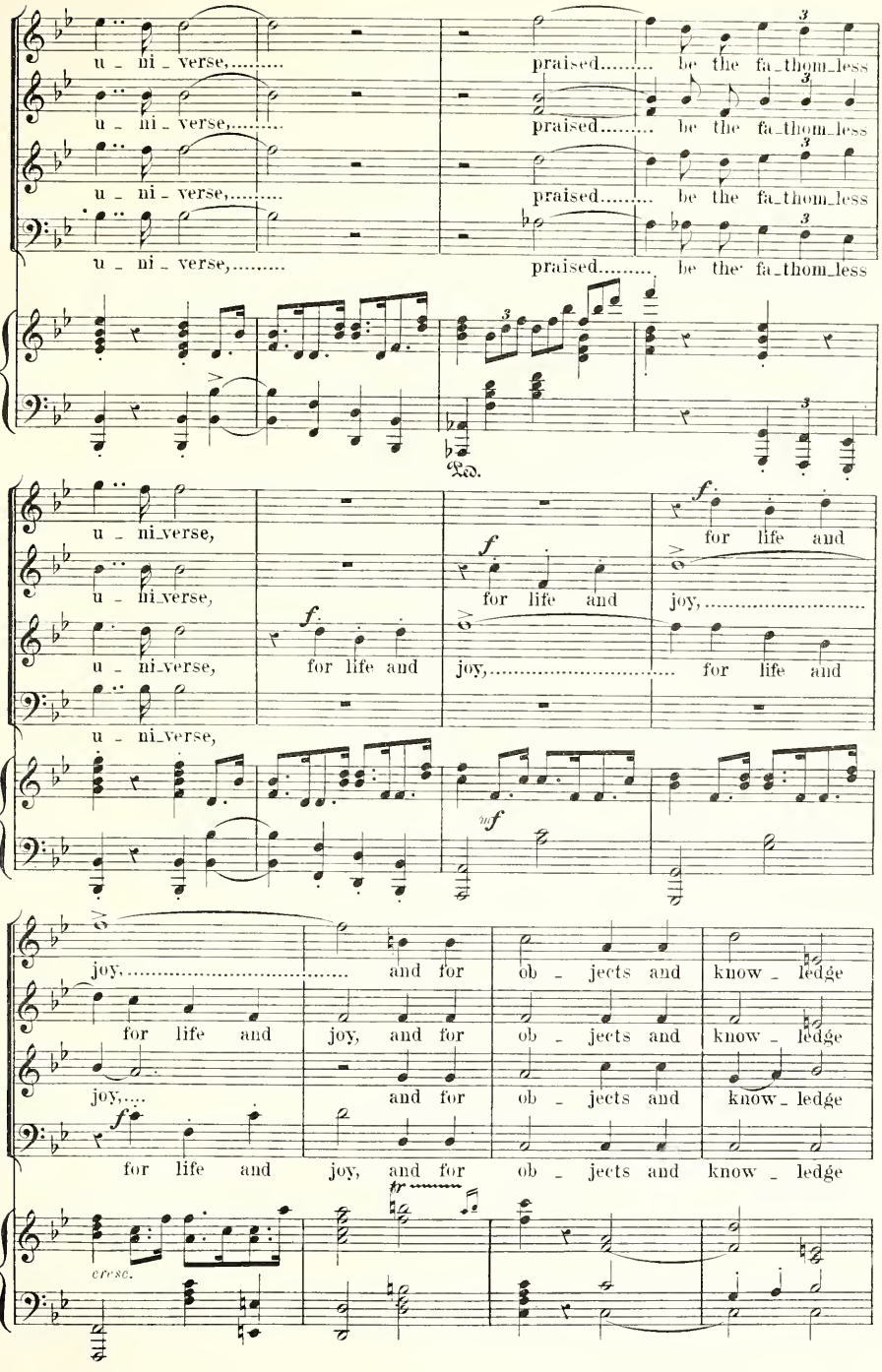

B
Soprano.
Come,
come
Alto.
Come,
come
Tenor.
Come,
come
Bass.
Come,
come
CHORUS.
Str. & Wood.
B
col Ped.
love - ly and sooth - ing
Death,
come,
love - - - - ly and sooth - ing
come,
love - ly and sooth - ing
love - ly and sooth - ing
come,
sooth - - - - ing
come,
come
sooth - -
Death,
come
love - ly and
Death,
come
sooth - -
Death,
come
sooth - -
Tutti.

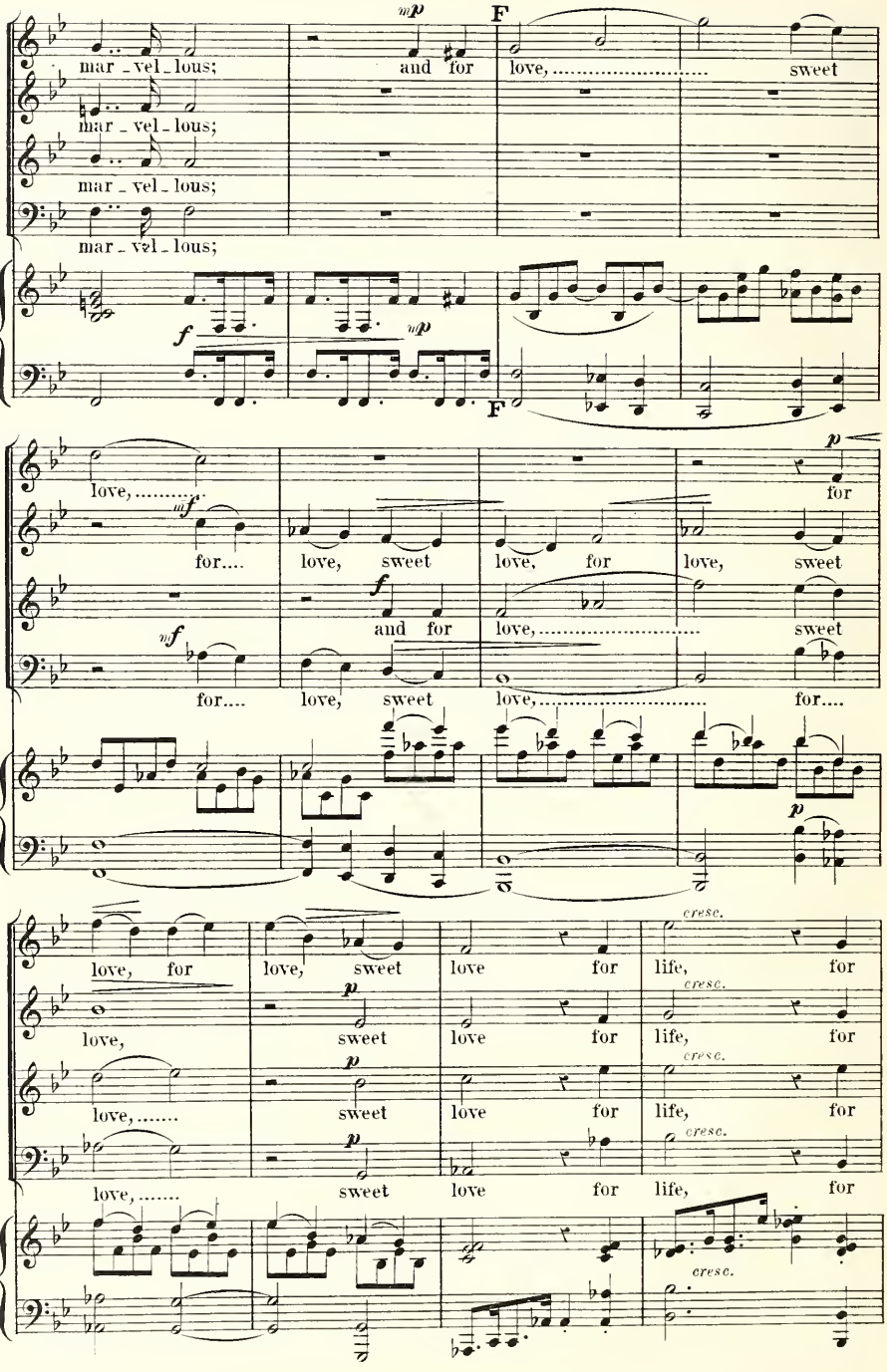

ing
sooth - ing
ing
ing
Death,
Death,
Death,
Death,
p
un - du - late round the
8
Cl. colle Voci.
p
world, se - rene - ly ar - riv - ing, ar - riv - ing, in the
mp
un - du - late round the world, se -
Celli.
C
p
un - du - late round the world, se -
day, in the night,
rene - ly ar - riv - ing, ar - riv - ing.
Viol.
C

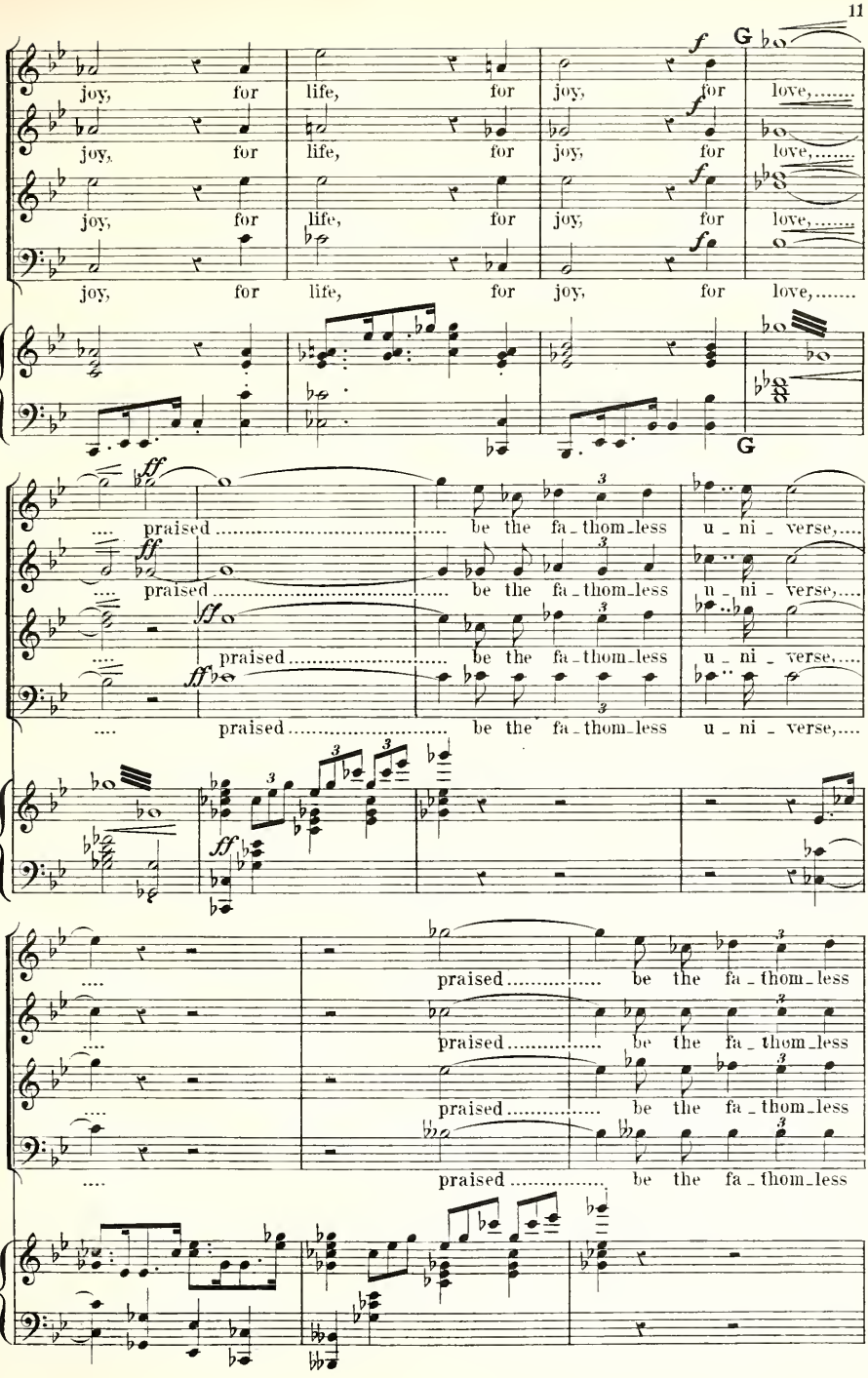

rene - ly ar - riv - ing ar - riv - ing in the day,
un - du - late round the world, se - rene - ly ar -
cresc.
in the night, to all, to each, to
in the night to all, to each, to
riv - - - ing, to all, to each, to
to all, to each, to
all, to each soon - - er or
all, to each soon - - er or
all, to each soon - - er or
all, to each soon - - er or

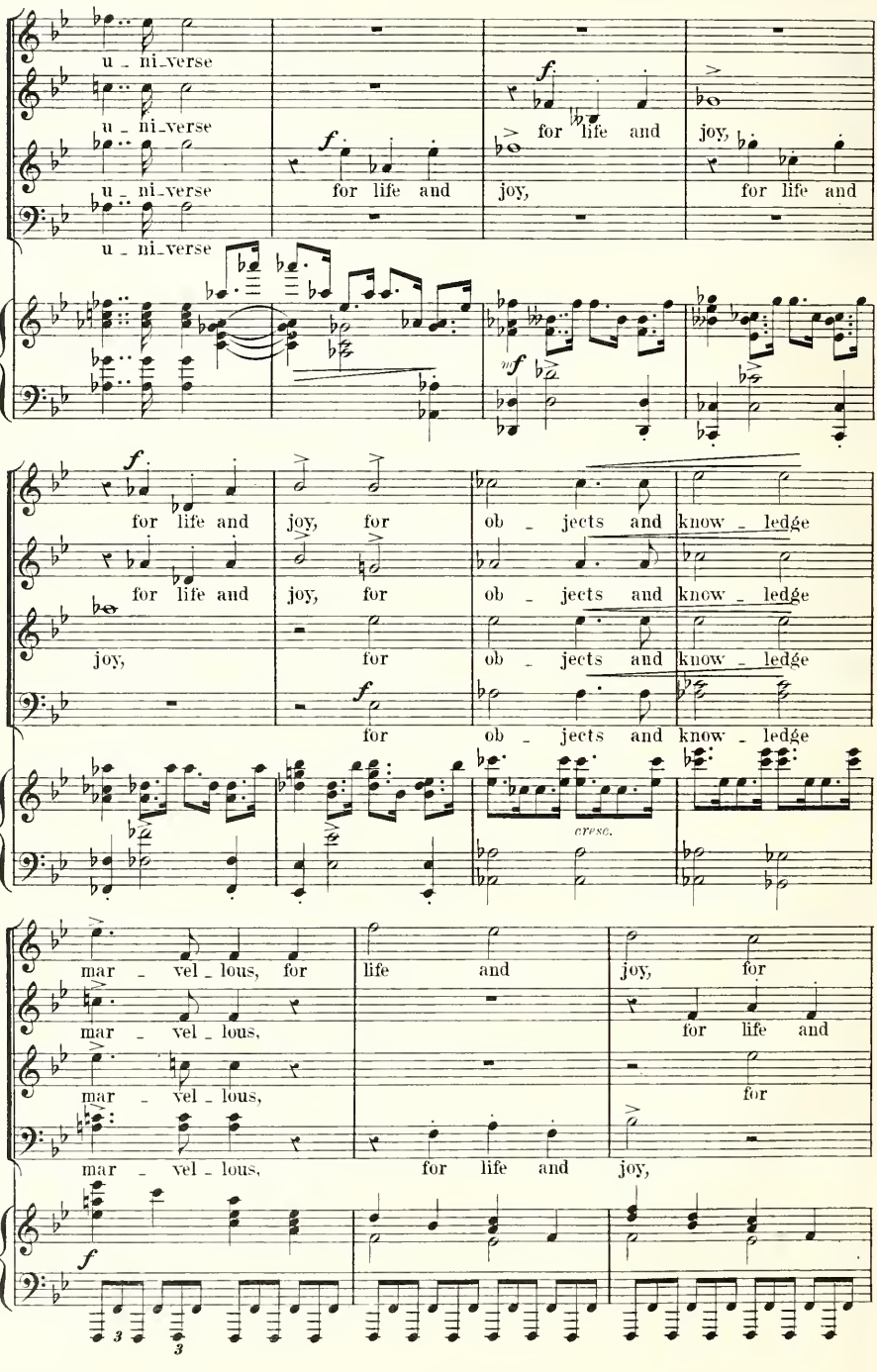

la - - ter
la - - - ter,
la - - - ter,
la - - - ter,
la - - - ter,
D
pp
de - - - li - cate
de - - - li - cate
de - - - li - cate
de - - - li - cate
D
Death,.....
Death,.....
Death,.....
Death,.....
de - - - li - cate, de -
de - - li - cate, de -
de - - - li - cate, de -
de - - li - cate, de -
- li - cate
- li - cate
- li - cate
- li - cate
Death.....
Death.....
Death.
Death.....

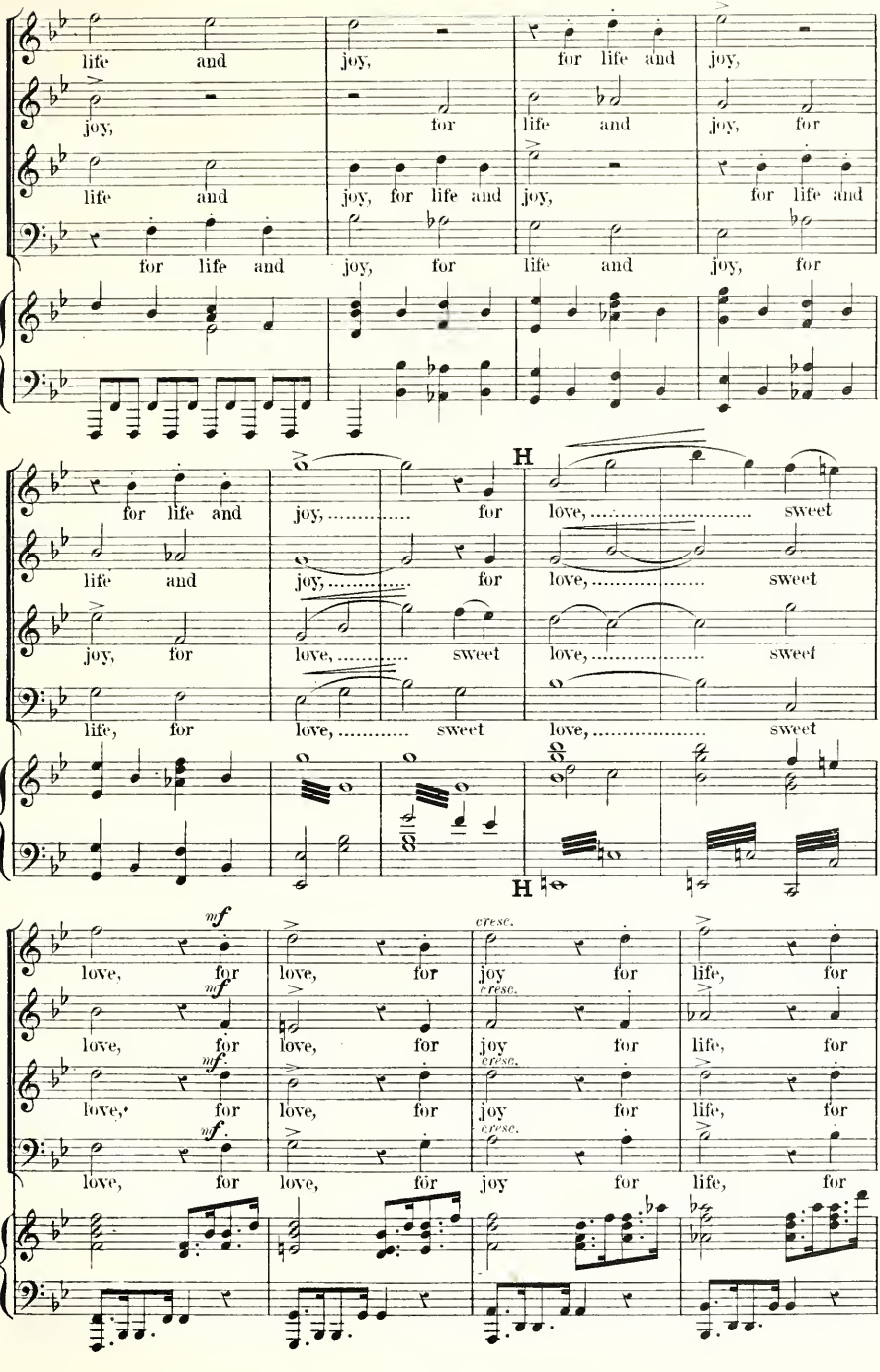

Allegro maestoso. (♩ = 96.)
Praised,
Praised,
cresc.
praised,
E
be the fa_thomless
Tutti.

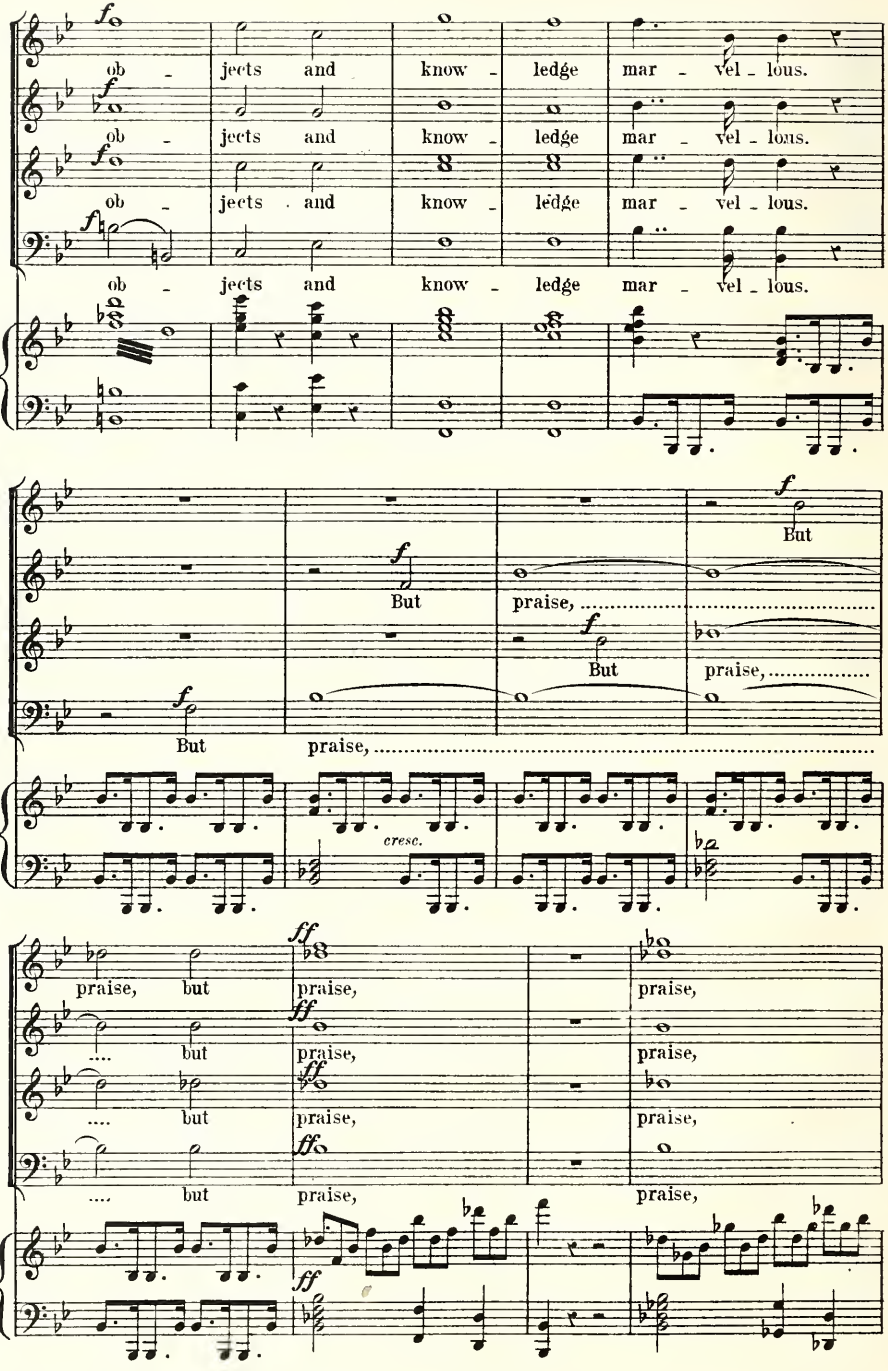

u - ni - verse,
praised..... be the fa_thom_less
Ped.
u - ni_verse,
for life and
joy,
mf
joy,
and for
ob - jects and
know - ledge
for life and joy, and for ob - jects and know - ledge
tr
erse.

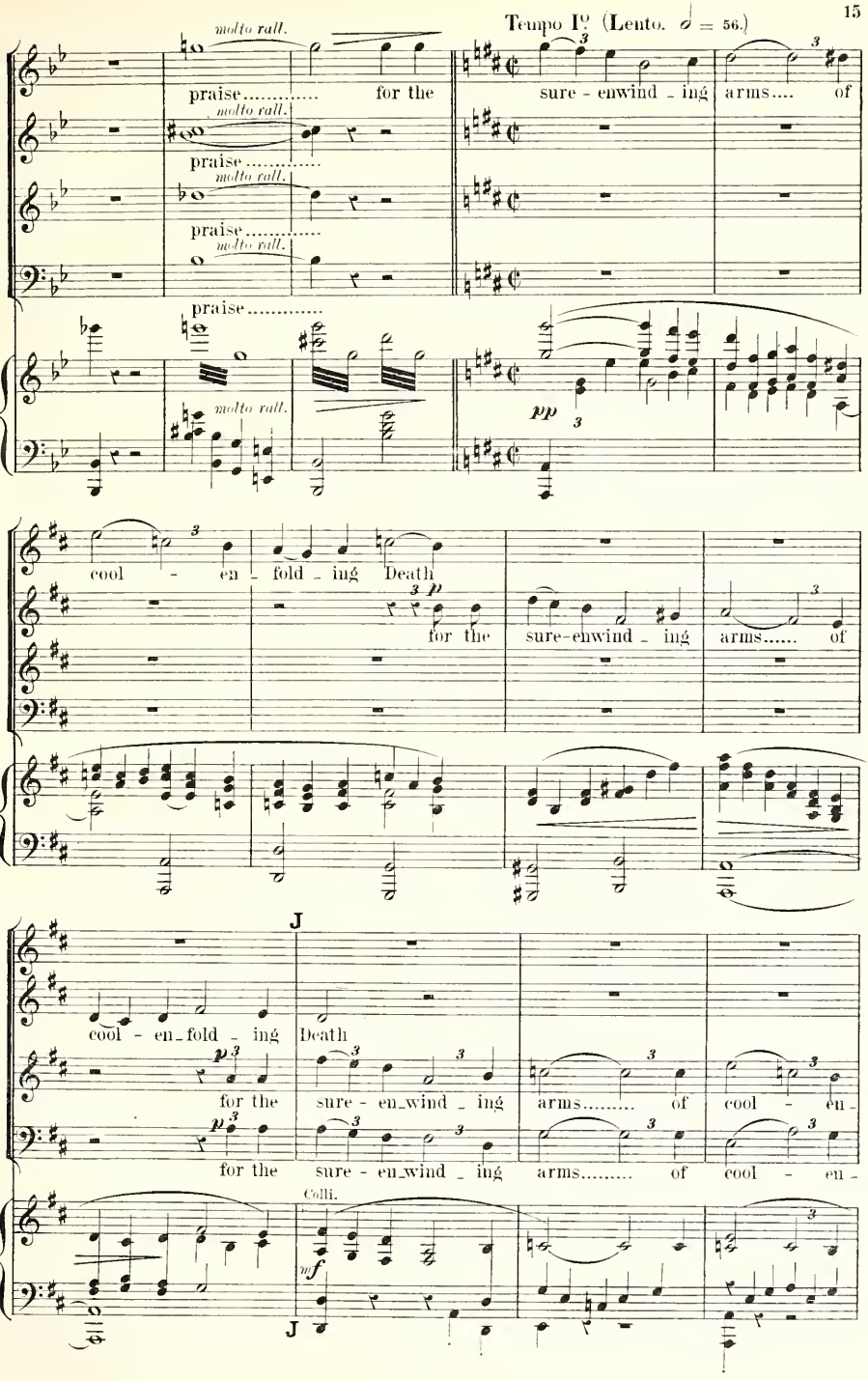

mar - vel - lous;
mar - vel - lous;
mar - vel - lous;
mar - vel - lous;
mp
and for
F
love, sweet
f
mp
F
love,
mf
for....
love, sweet
love, for
love, sweet
p
for
f
and for
love, sweet
mf
for....
love, sweet
love,
for....
p
love, for
love, sweet
love for
life, for
cresc.
love,
p
sweet
love for
life, for
love,
sweet
love for
life, for
love,
sweet
love for
life, for
cresc.

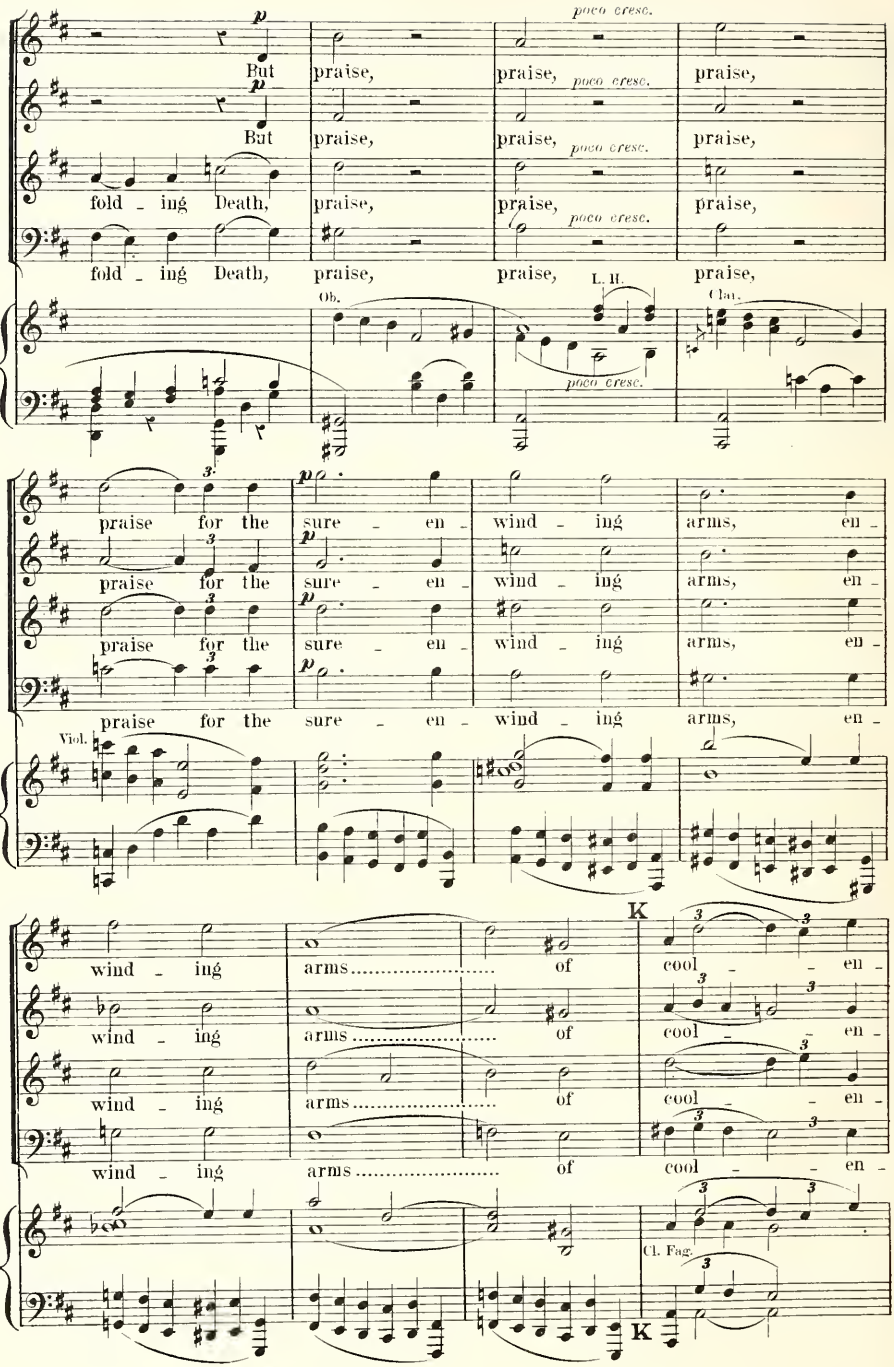

joy, for life, for joy, for love,.....
joy, for life, for joy, for love,.....
joy, for life, for joy, for love,.....
joy, for life, for joy, for love,.....
praised ..... be the fa_thom_less u_ni_verse,....
praised ..... be the fa_thom_less u_ni_verse,....
praised ..... be the fa_thom_less u_ni_verse,....
praised ..... be the fa_thom_less u_ni_verse,....
praised ..... be the fa_thom_less
praised ..... be the fa_thom_less
praised ..... be the fa_thom_less
praised ..... be the fa_thom_less

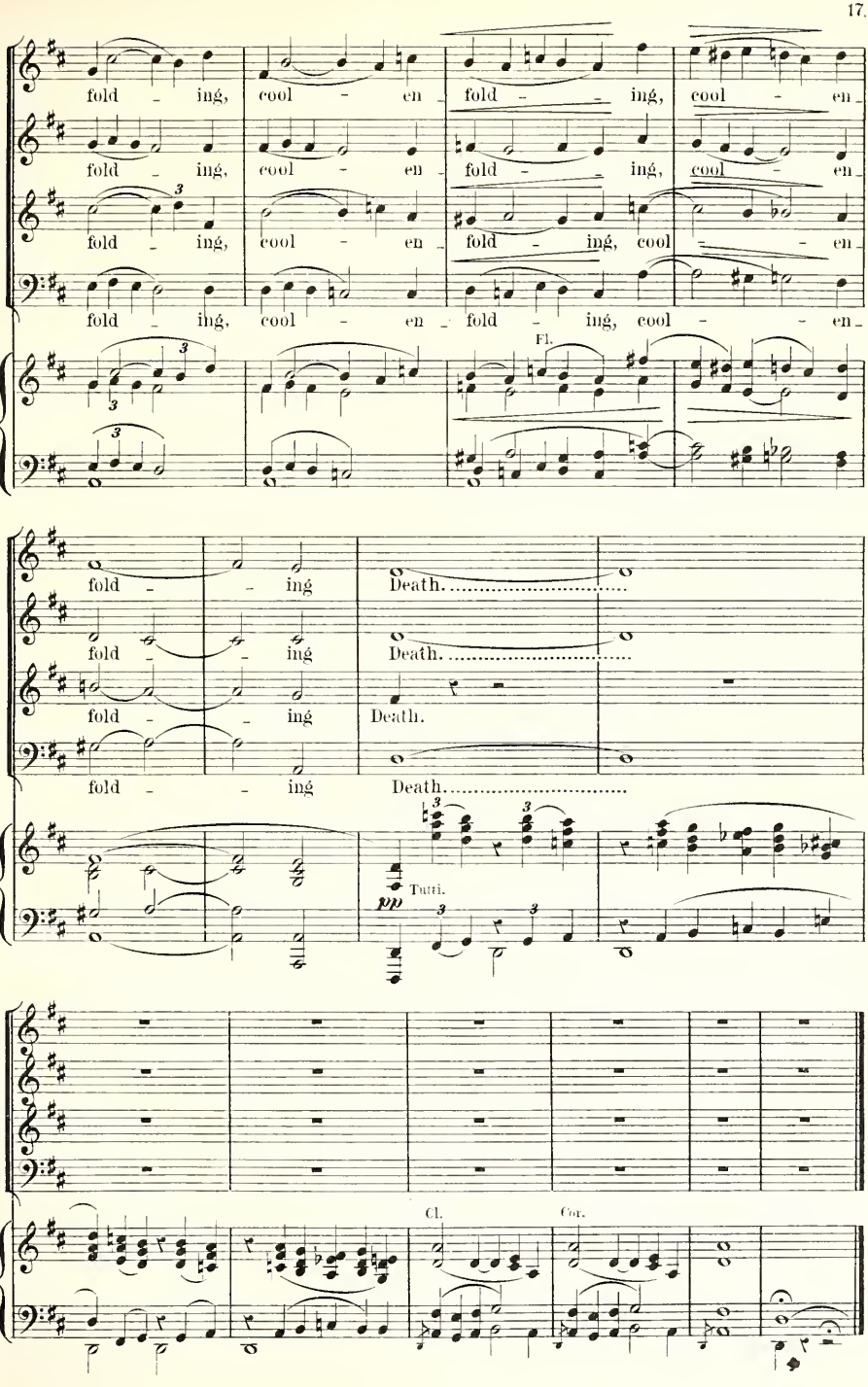

u - ni-verse
u - ni-verse
u - ni-verse
u - ni-verse
f
for life and
joy,
for life and
mf
for life and
joy, for
ob - jects and know - ledge
for life and
joy, for
ob - jects and know - ledge
joy,
for
ob - jects and know - ledge
for
ob - jects and know - ledge
cresc.
mar - vel - lous, for
life and
joy, for
mar - vel - lous,
for life and
mar - vel - lous,
for
mar - vel - lous,
for life and
joy,
f
3
3


life and joy, for life and joy,
joy, for life and joy, for
life and joy, for life and joy, for life and
for life and joy, for life and joy, for
for life and joy, ... for love, ... sweet
life and joy, ... for love, ... sweet
joy, for love, ... sweet love, ... sweet
life, for love, ... sweet love, ... sweet
H
H
mf
love, for love, for joy for life, for
cresc.

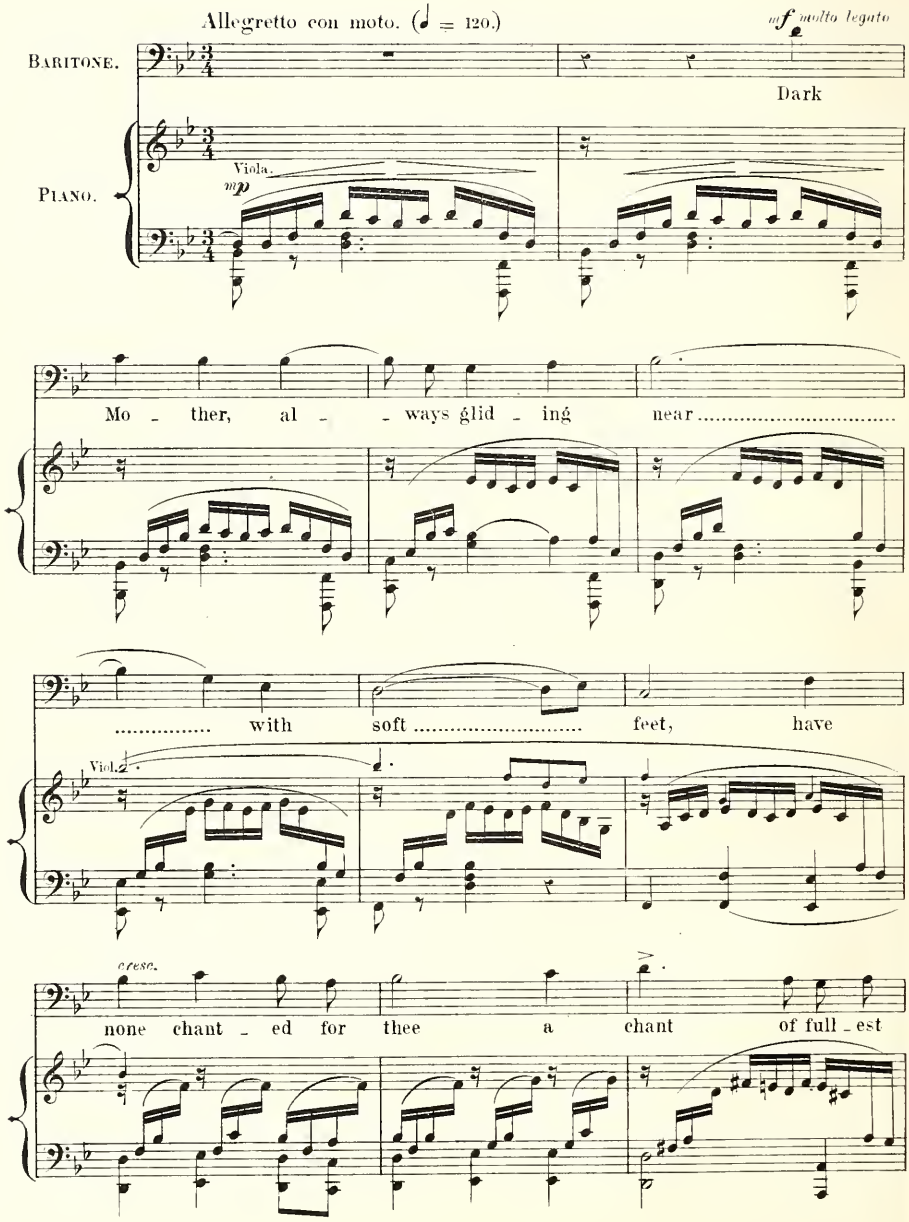

ob - jects and know - ledge mar - vel - lous.
ob - jects and know - ledge mar - vel - lous.
ob - jects and know - ledge mar - vel - lous.
ob - jects and know - ledge mar - vel - lous.
But
But
praise,
But
praise,
But
praise,
cresc.
praise, but
praise,
praise,
.... but
praise,
praise,
.... but
praise,
praise,
.... but
praise,
praise,

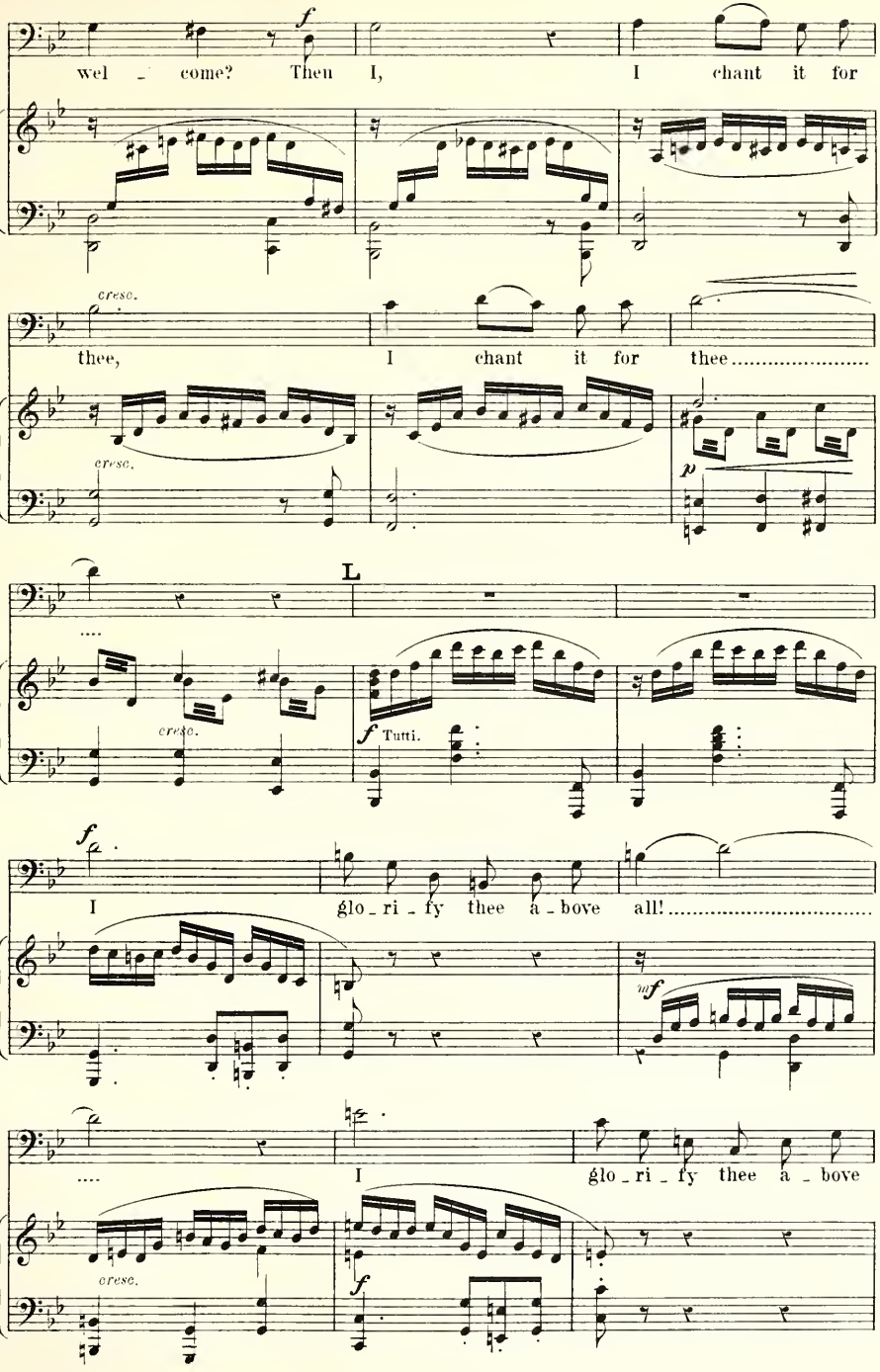

Tempo I°. (Lento. ♩ = 56.)
molto rall.
praise.....
for the
sure - enwind - ing
arms.... of
pp
cool - en - fold - ing Death
for the
sure-enwind - ing
arms..... of
J
cool - en_fold - ing
Death
for the
sure - en_wind - ing
arms..... of
cool - en -
Colli.
nf

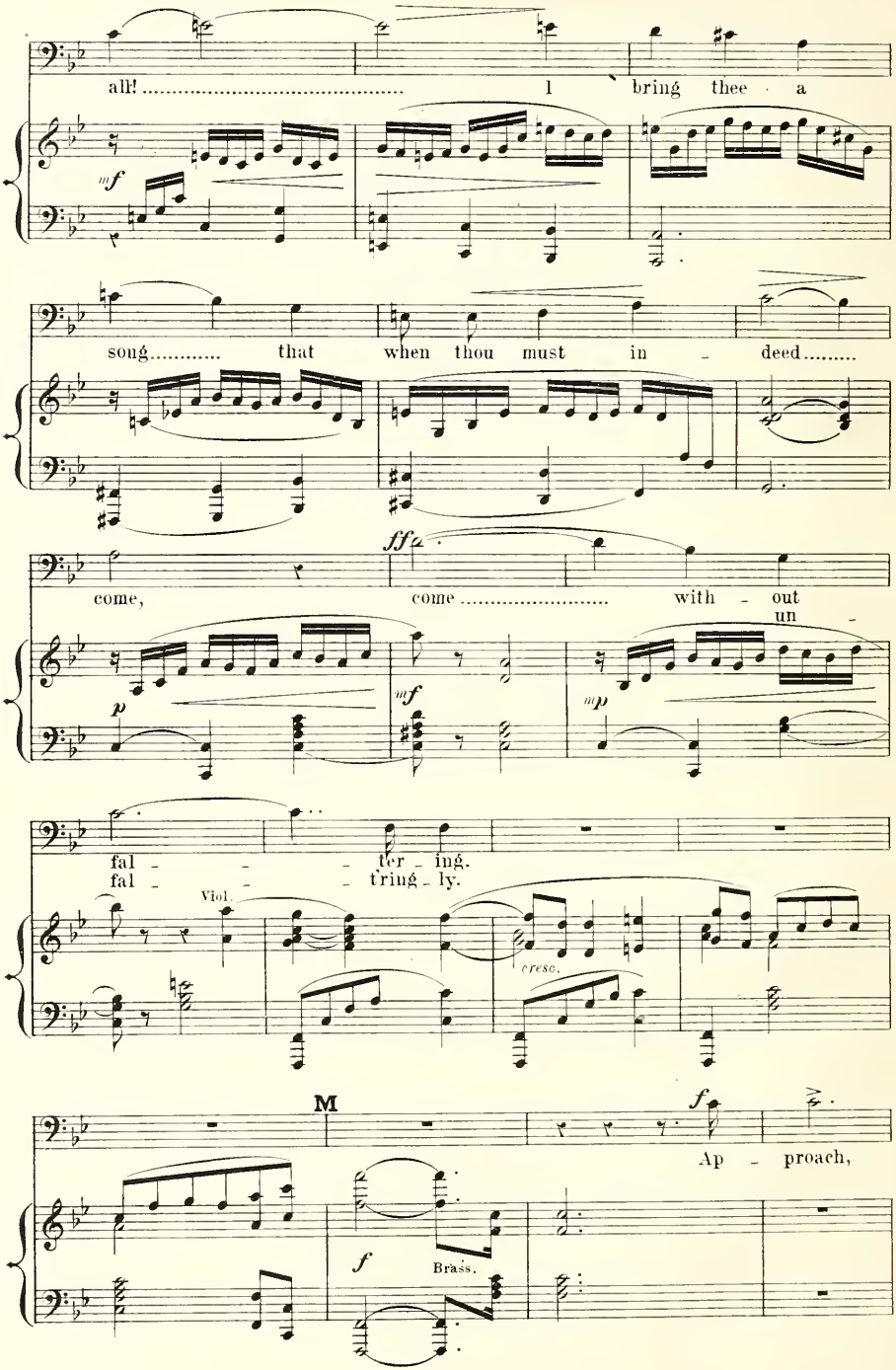

But praise, praise, praise, praise,
But praise, praise, praise, praise,
fold - ing Death, praise, praise, praise,
fold - ing Death, praise, praise, praise,
poco cresc.
Ob.
L. H.
Clar.
praise for the sure - en - wind - ing arms, en -
Viol.
wind - ing arms ..... of cool - - en -
K
Cl. Fag.

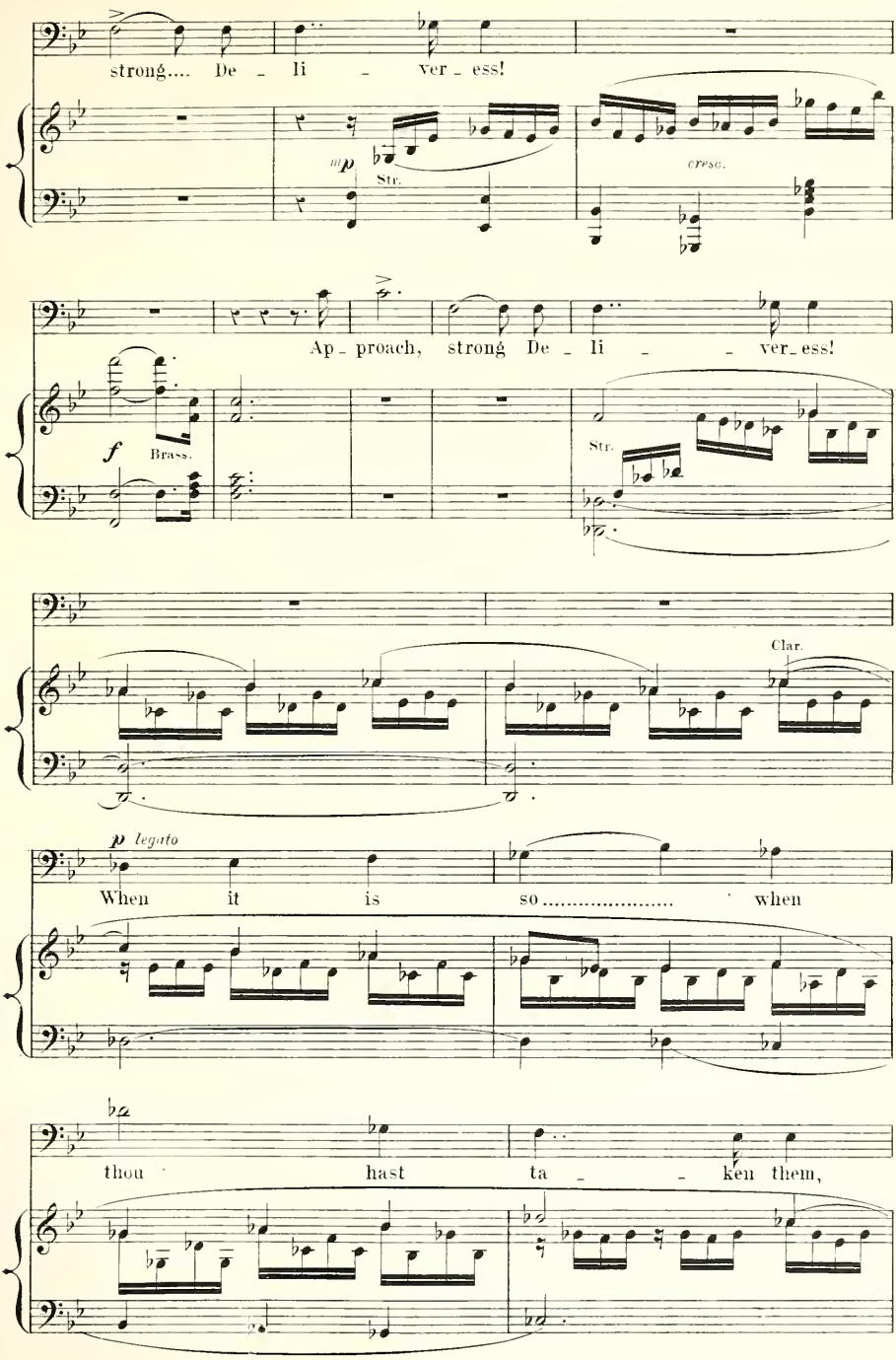

fold - ing, cool - en fold - ing, cool - en
fold - ing, cool - en fold - ing, cool - en
fold - ing, cool - en fold - ing, cool - en
fold - ing, cool - en fold - ing, cool - en
Fl.
fold - ing Death.
fold - ing Death.
fold - ing Death.
fold - ing Death.
Tutti.
Cl.
Cor.

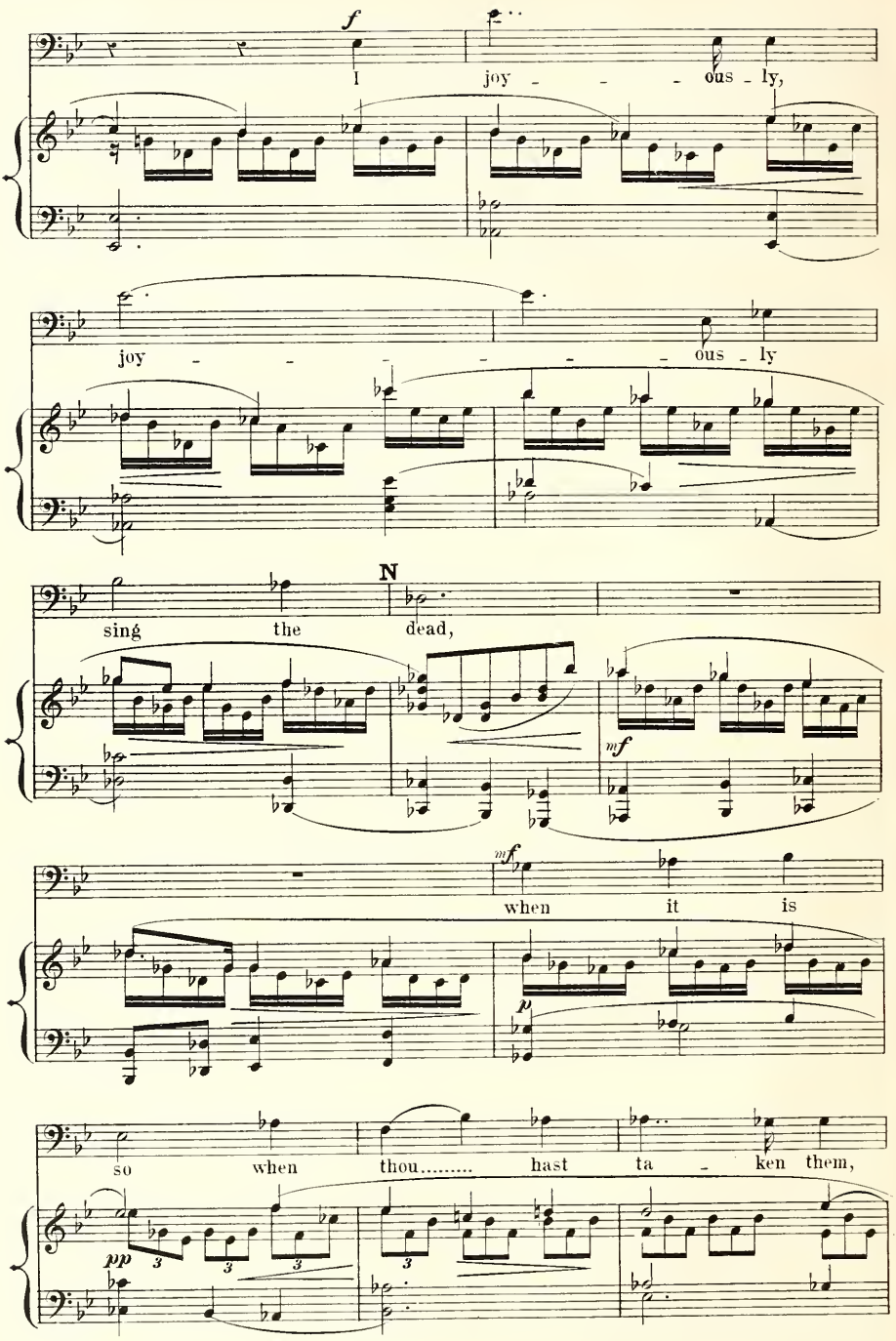
Nº II. BARITONE SOLO.

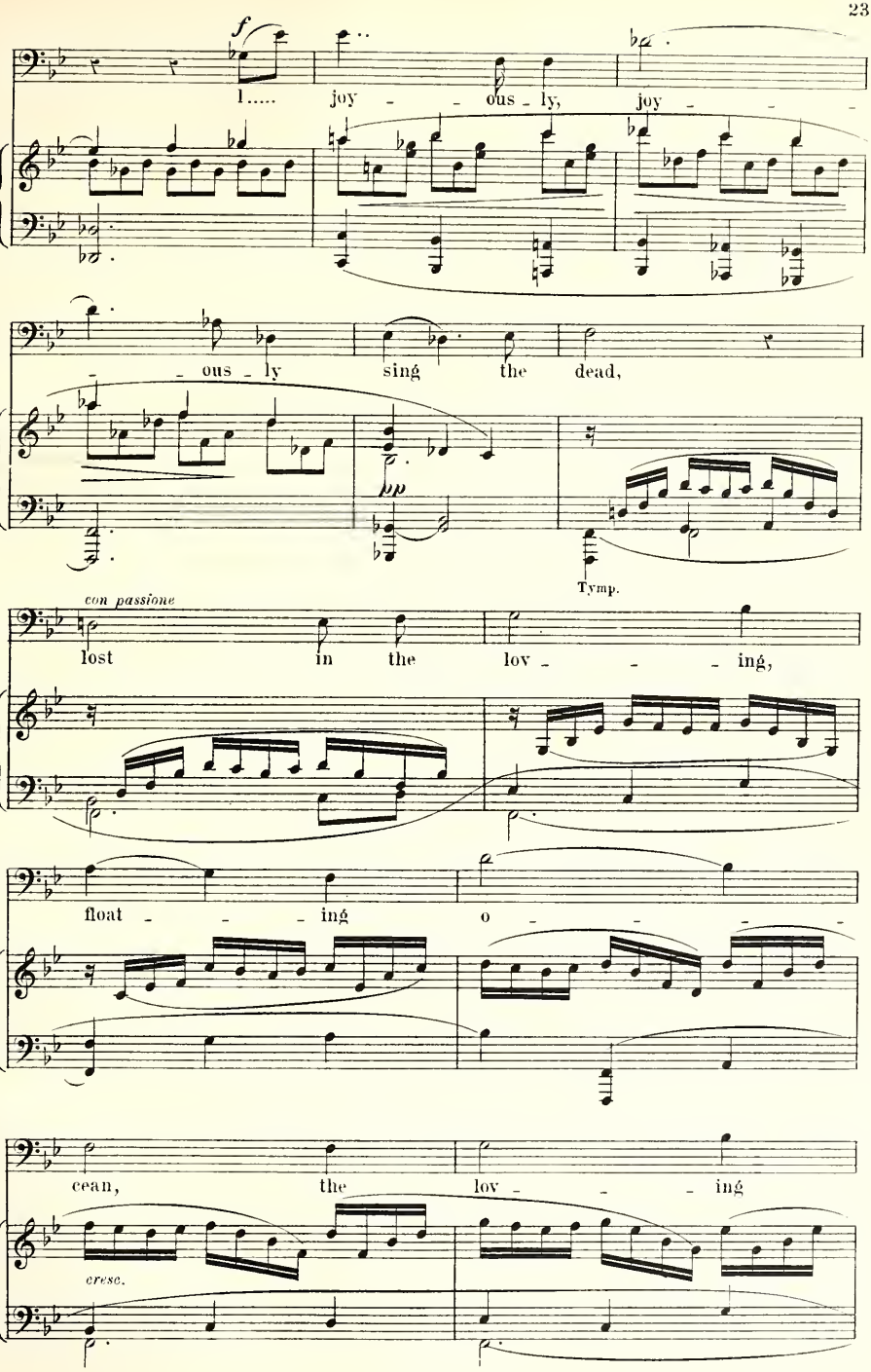


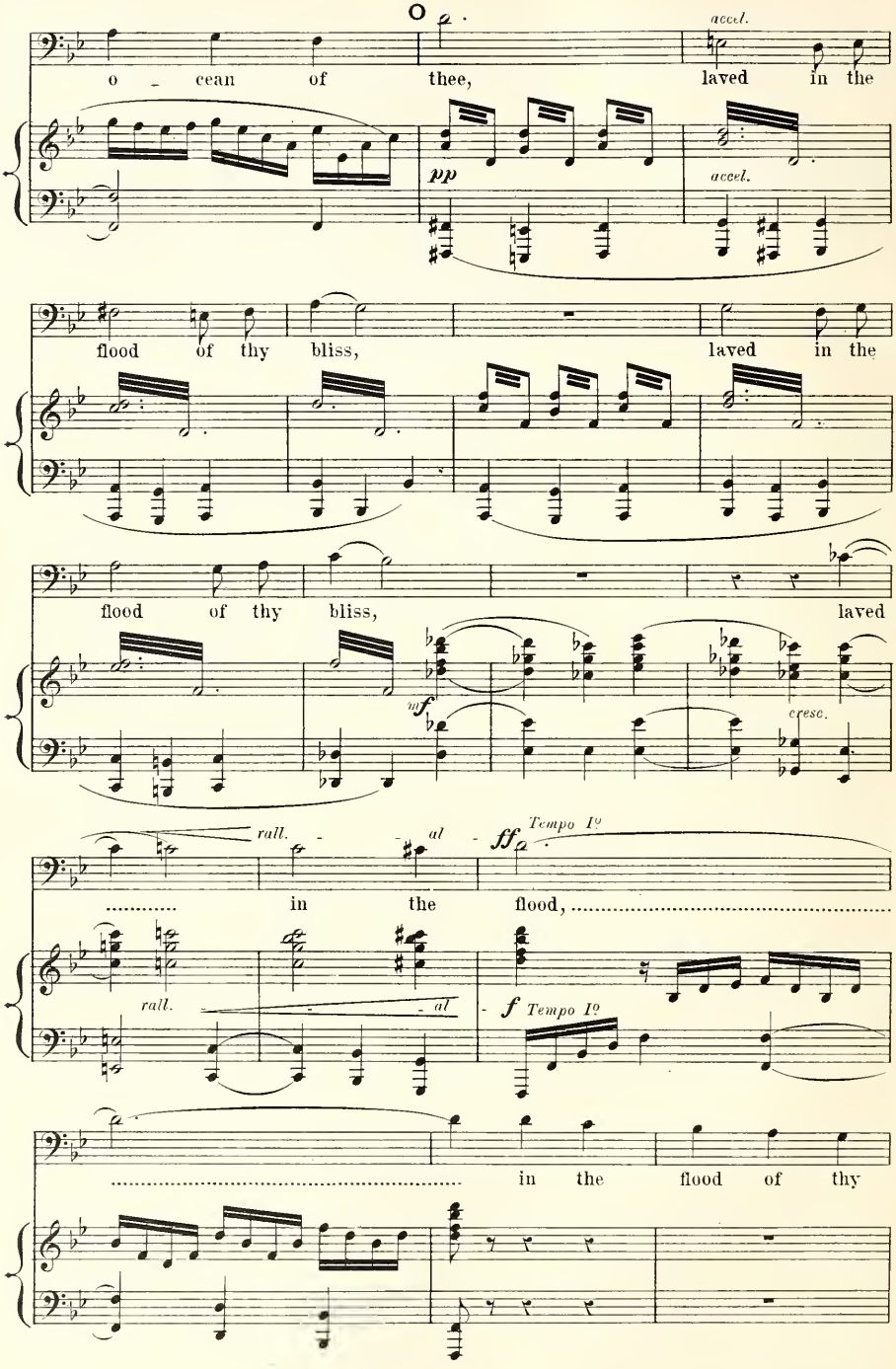

f
wel - come? Then I, I chant it for
cresc.
thee, I chant it for thee
cresc.
p
L
cresc.
f Tutti.
f
I glo - ri - fy thee a - bove all!
mf
I glo - ri - fy thee a - bove
cresc.
f

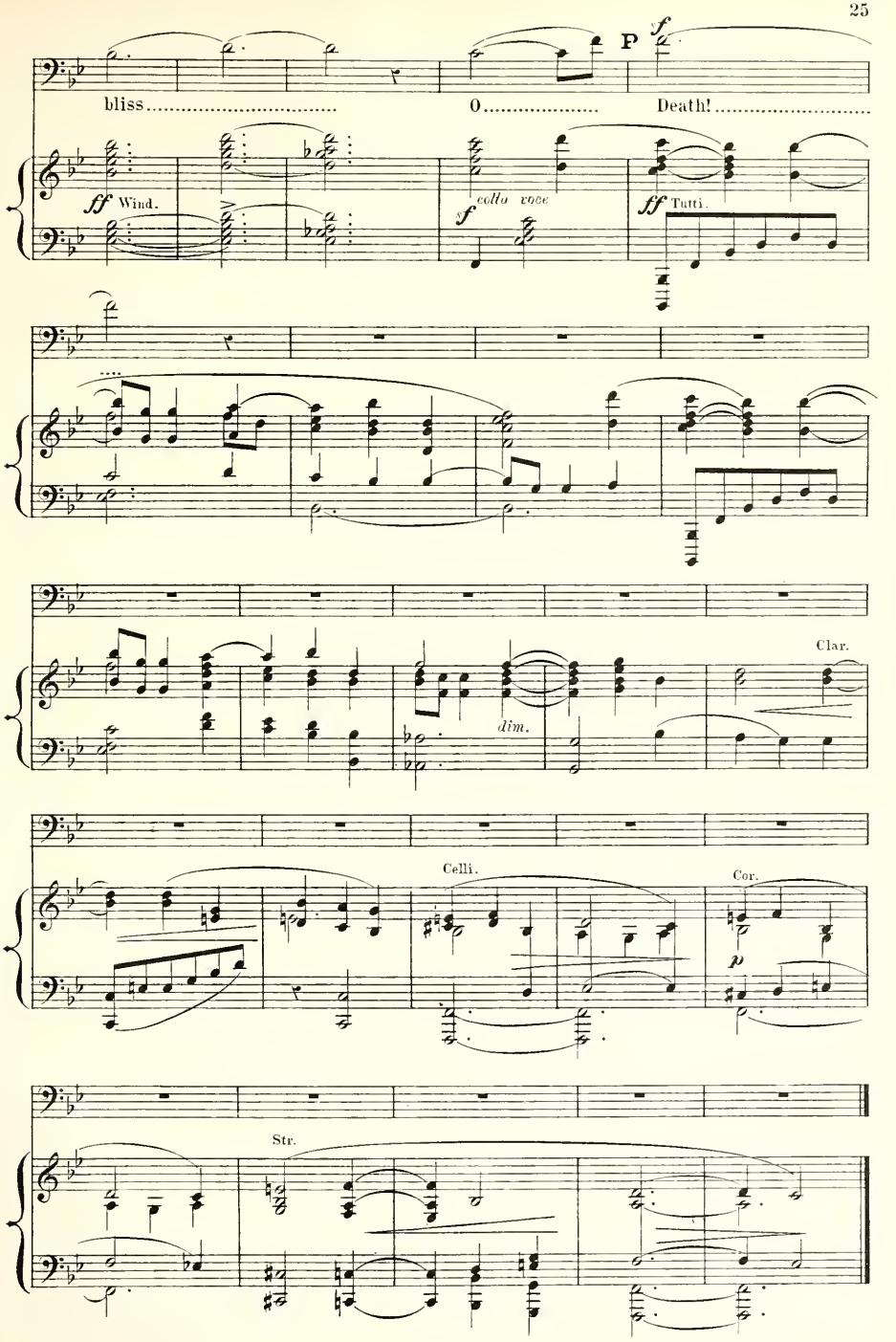

all! ..... I bring thee a
mf
song..... that when thou must in - deed.....
ff
come, come ..... with - out
un -
p
mf
mp
fal - - - ter - ing.
fal - - - tring - ly.
Viol.
cresc.
M
f
Ap - proach,
f
Brass.


strong.... De - li - ver - ess!
mp
Str.
cresc.
Ap - proach, strong De - li - - ver - ess!
f
Brass.
Str.
Clar.
p legato
When it is so ..... when
thou hast ta - - ken them,

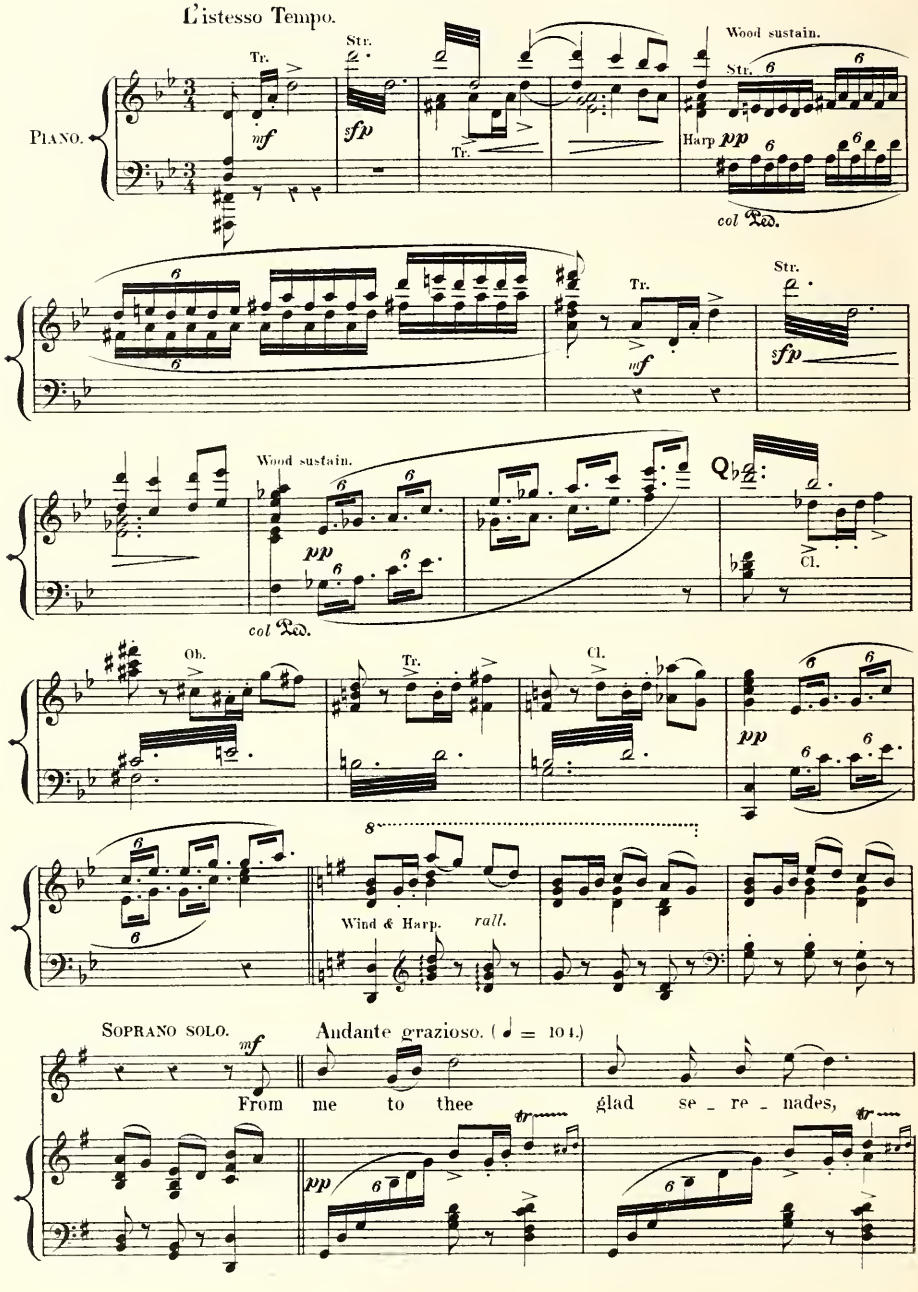

f
I joy - - - ous - ly,
joy - - - - - - ous - ly
N
sing the dead,
mf
mf
when it is
p
so when thou..... hast ta - ken them,
pp
3
3
3
3

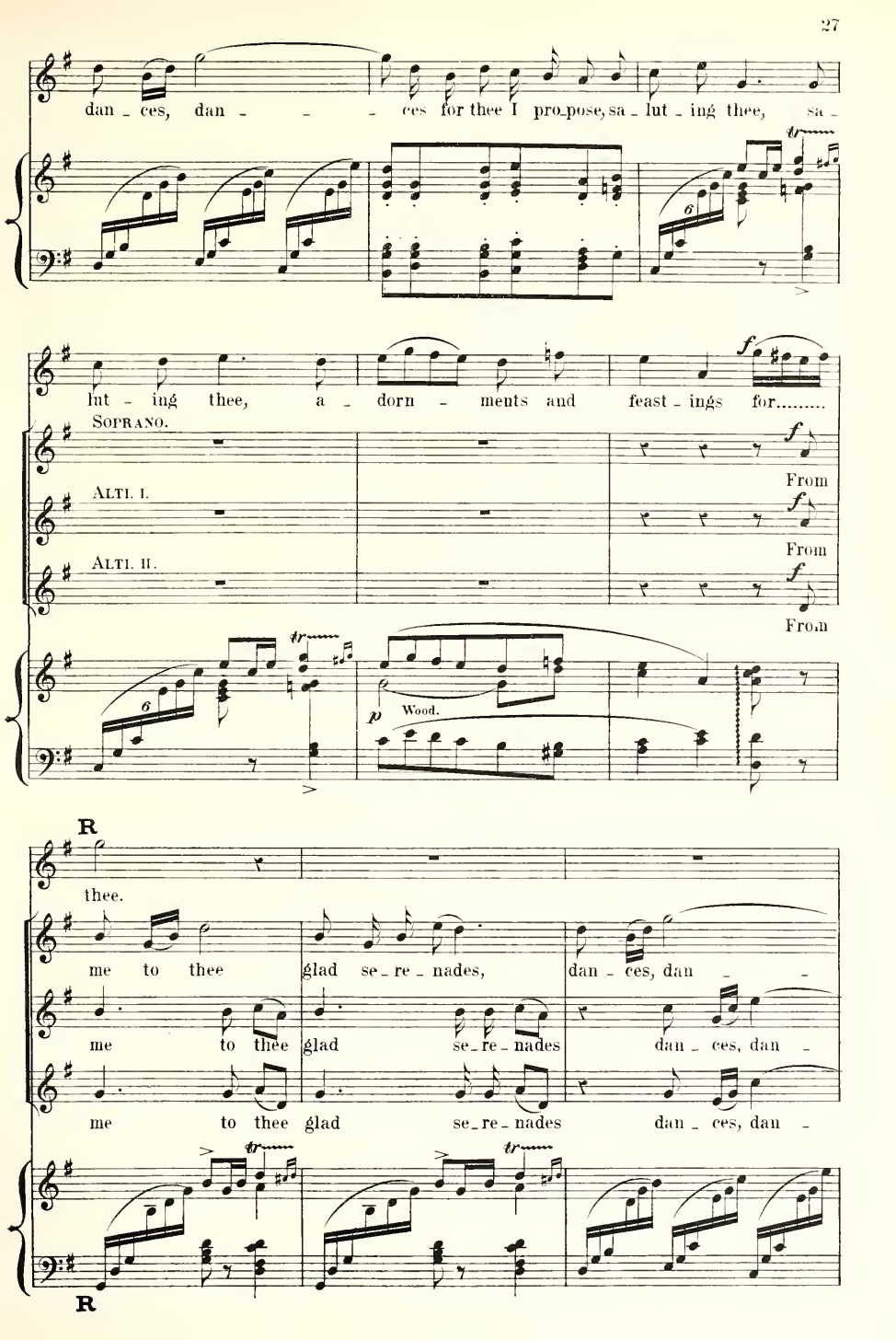

f
I..... joy - - ous - ly, joy - - -
- - ous - ly sing the dead,
Tymp.
con passione
lost in the lov - - - ing,
float - - - ing o - - - -
cean, the lov - - - ing
cresc.

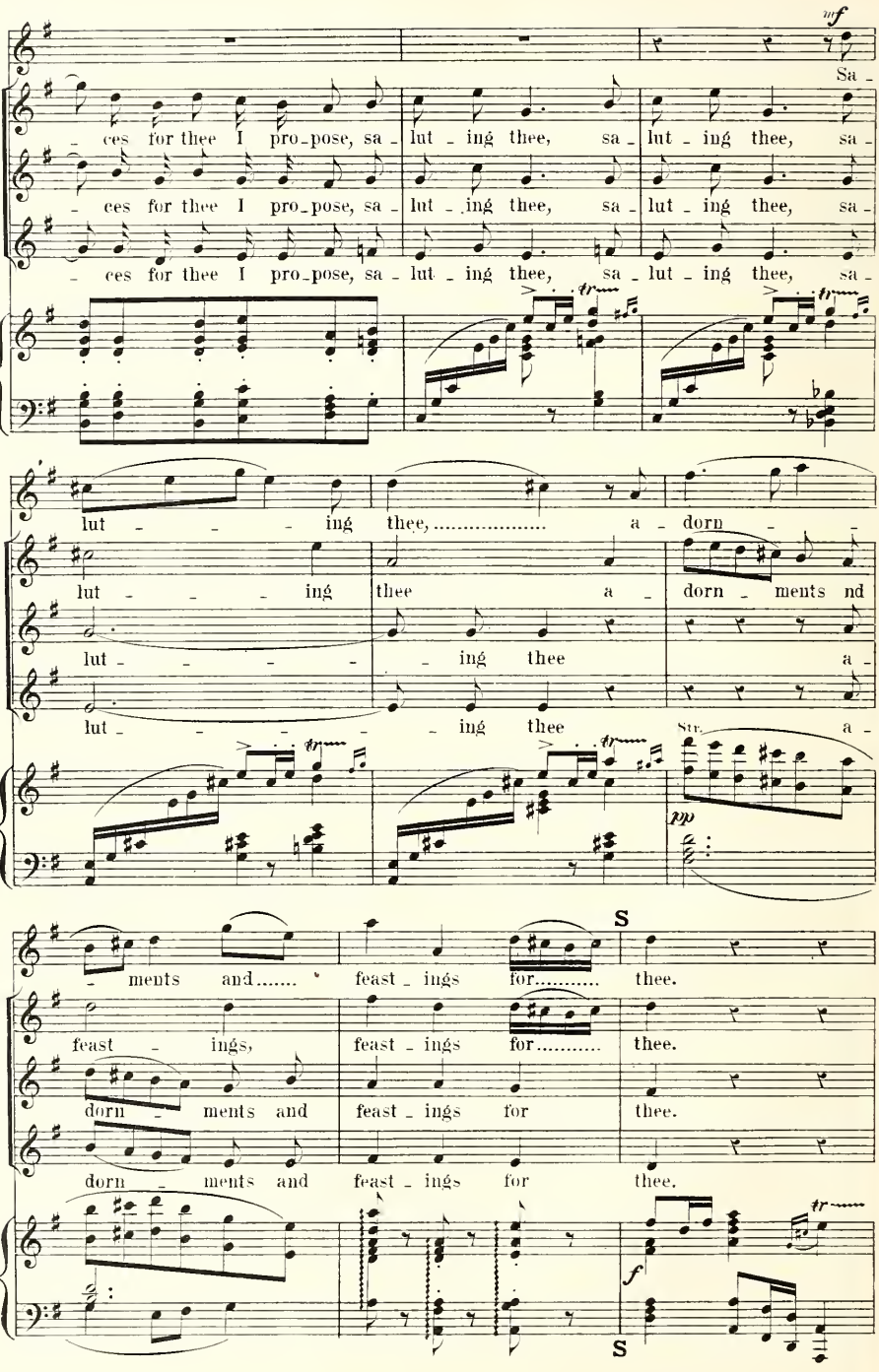

O
accel.
o - cean of thee, laved in the
pp
accel.
flood of thy bliss, laved in the
flood of thy bliss, laved
mf
cresc.
rall. - al -
ff
Tempo Iº
in the flood,
rall. - al -
f
Tempo Iº
in the flood of thy

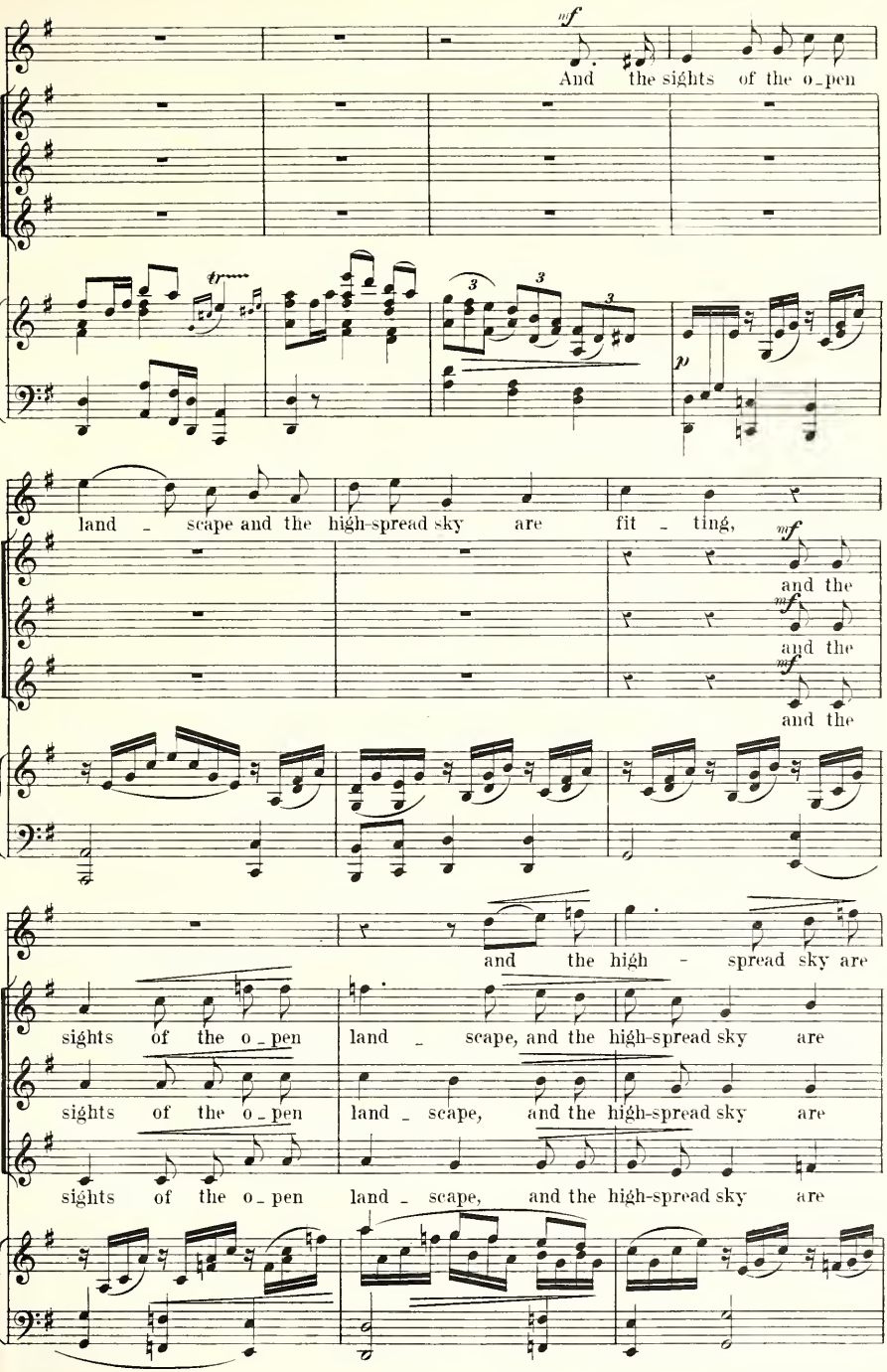

bliss.....
O.....
Death!.....
P
f
ff Wind.
sf
collo voce
ff Tutti.
dim.
Clar.
Celli.
Cor.
p
Str.

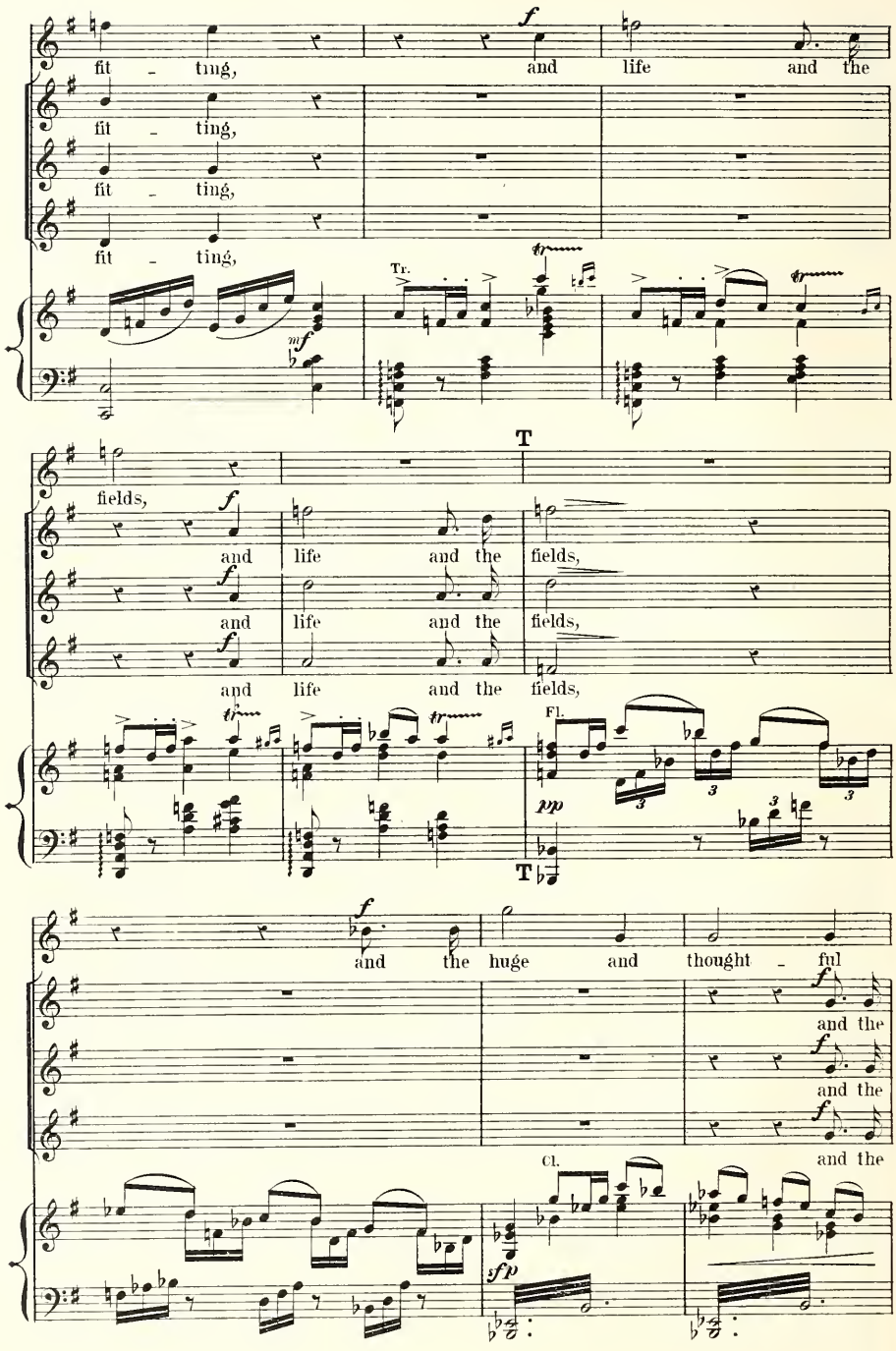
Nº III. SOPRANO SOLO AND CHORUS. (S. & A.)

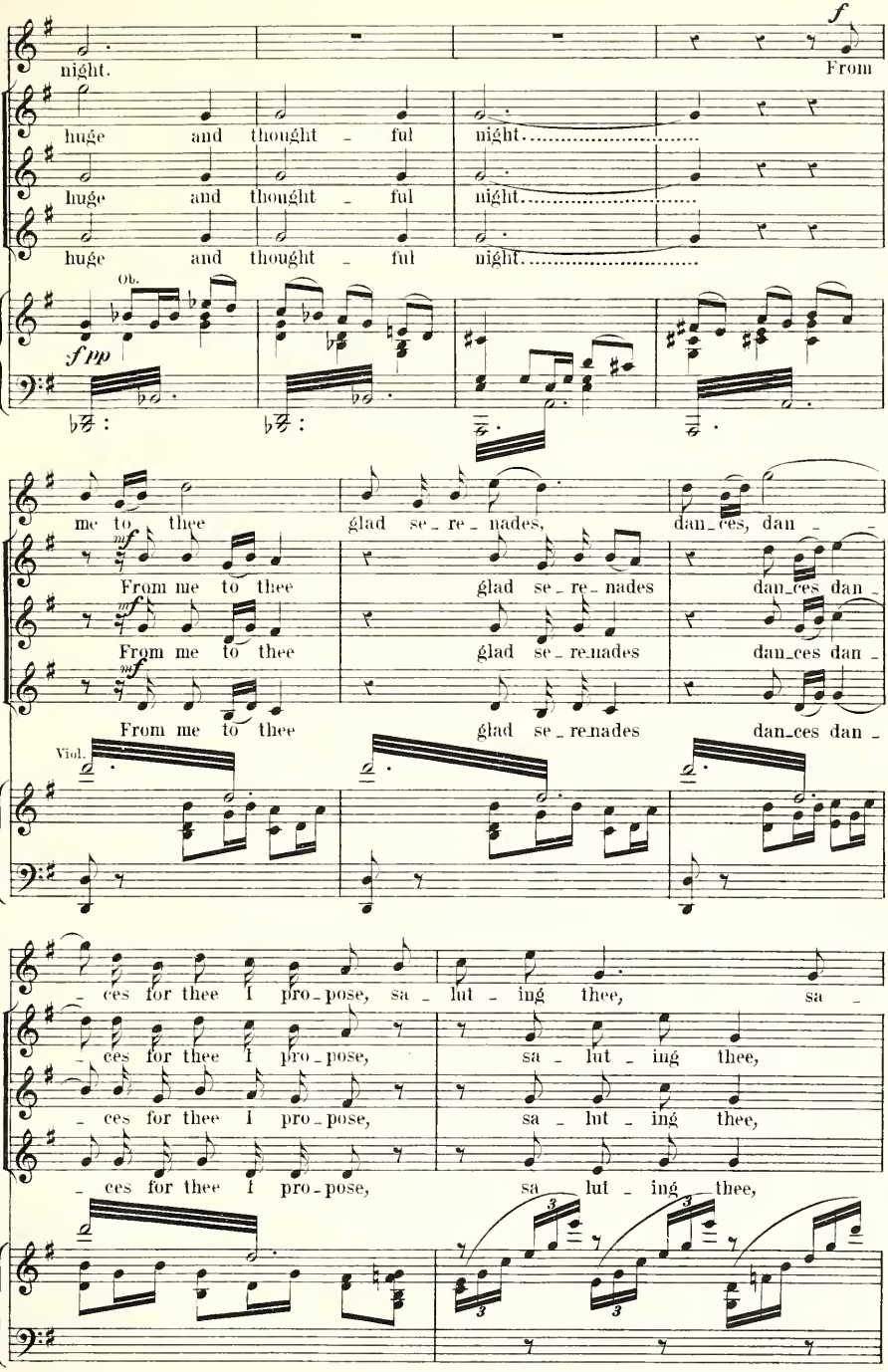



dan - ces, dan - - - ces for thee I pro-pose, sa - lut - ing thee, sa -
lut - ing thee, a - dorn - ments and feast - ings for.....
Soprano.
Alti. I.
From
Alti. II.
From
From
Wood.
R
thee.
me to thee glad se - re - nades, dan - ces, dan - -
me to thee glad se - re - nades dan - ces, dan -
me to thee glad se - re - nades dan - ces, dan -
R


mf
Sa -
ces for thee I pro_pose, sa - lut - ing thee, sa - lut - ing thee, sa -
ces for thee I pro_pose, sa - lut - ing thee, sa - lut - ing thee, sa -
ces for thee I pro_pose, sa - lut - ing thee, sa - lut - ing thee, sa -
lut - - - ing thee, ... a - dorn - - -
lut - - - ing thee a - dorn - ments nd
lut - - - - - ing thee a -
lut - - - - - ing thee a -
pp
S
- ments and..... feast - ings for..... thee.
feast - ings, feast - ings for..... thee.
dorn - ments and feast - ings for thee.
dorn - ments and feast - ings for thee.
f
S


mf
And the sights of the o_pen
land _ scape and the high-spread sky are fit _ ting,
mf
and the
mf
and the
mf
and the
and the high _ spread sky are
sights of the o_pen land _ scape, and the high-spread sky are
sights of the o_pen land _ scape, and the high-spread sky are
sights of the o_pen land _ scape, and the high-spread sky are


fit - ting,
fit - ting,
fit - ting,
fit - ting,
Tr.
fields,
and life and the fields,
and life and the fields,
and life and the fields,
T
Fl.
and the huge and thought - ful
and the
and the
and the
Cl.


night.
From
huge and thought - ful night.
huge and thought - ful night.
huge and thought - ful night.
Ob.
fpp
me to thee glad se - re - nades, dan - ces, dan -
From me to thee glad se - re - nades dan - ces dan -
From me to thee glad se - re - nades dan - ces dan -
From me to thee glad se - re - nades dan - ces dan -
Viol.
- ces for thee I pro - pose, sa - lut - ing thee, sa -
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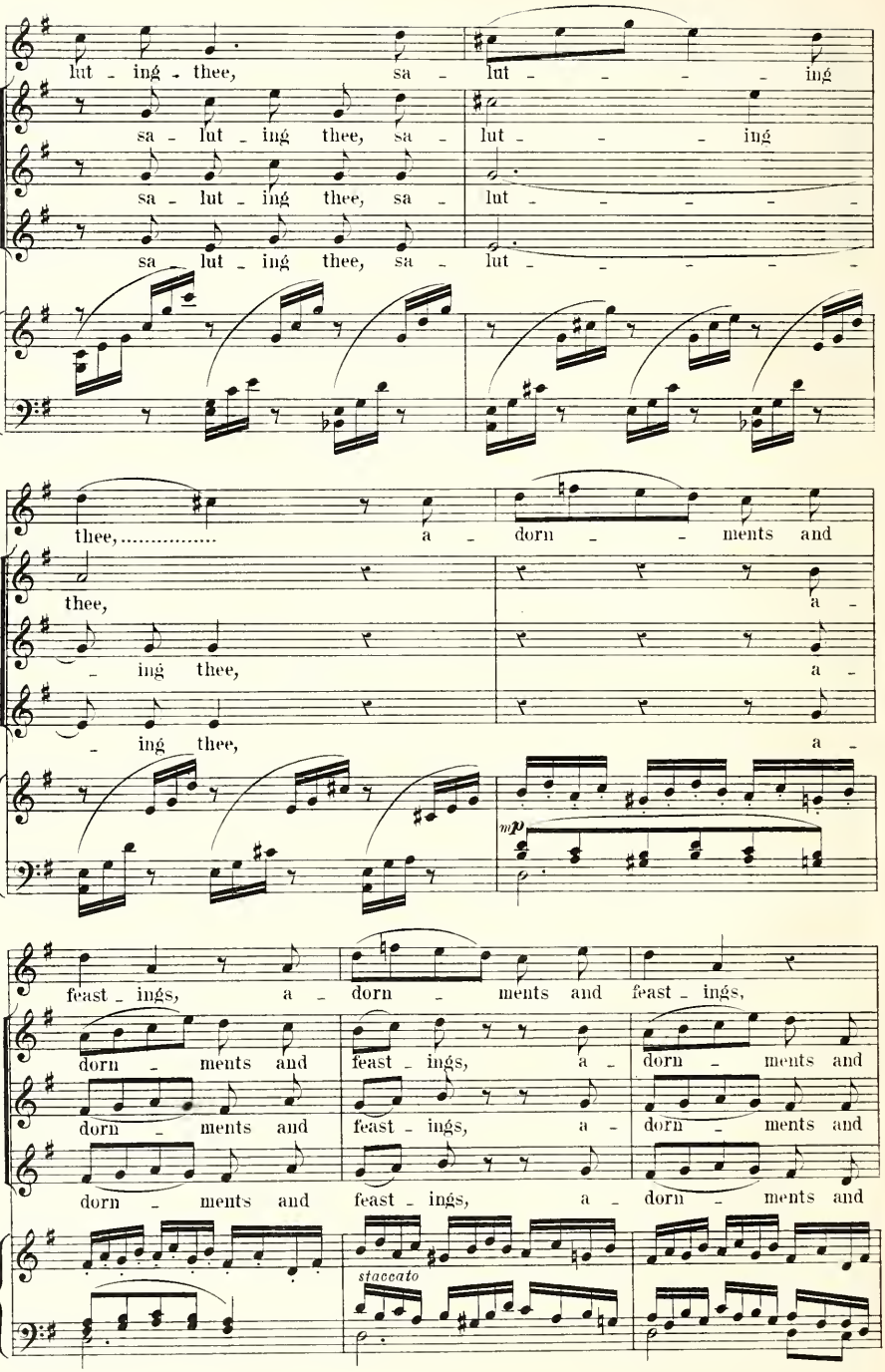
- ces for thee I pro - pose, sa - lut - ing thee,


lut - ing - thee, sa - lut - - - - ing
sa - lut - ing thee, sa - lut - ing
sa - lut - ing thee, sa - lut - - - - -
sa - lut - ing thee, sa - lut - - - - -
thee, a - dorn - - ments and
thee, a -
- ing thee, a -
- ing thee, a -
mp
feast - ings, a - dorn - ments and feast - ings,
dorn - ments and feast - ings, a - dorn - ments and
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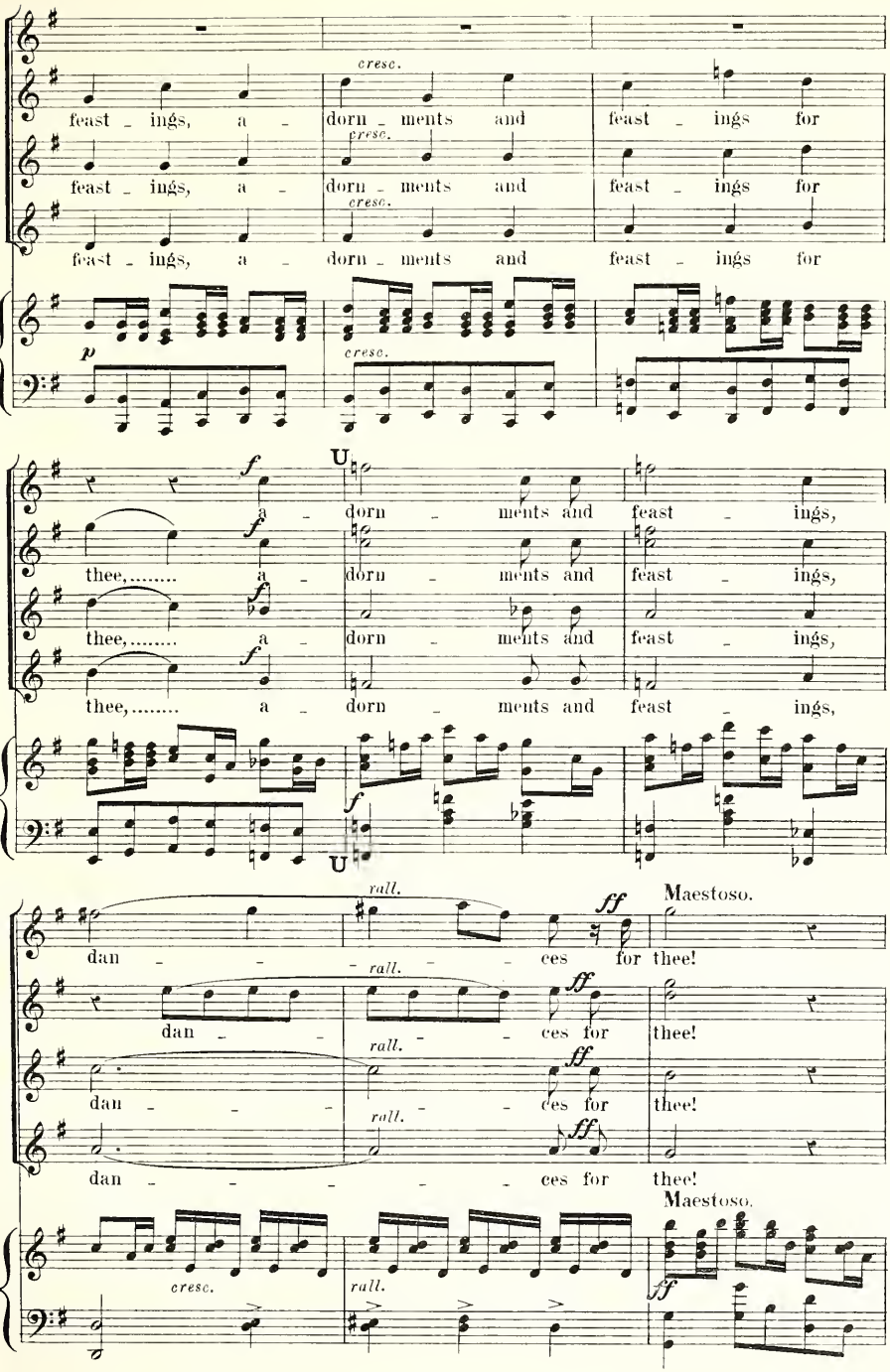
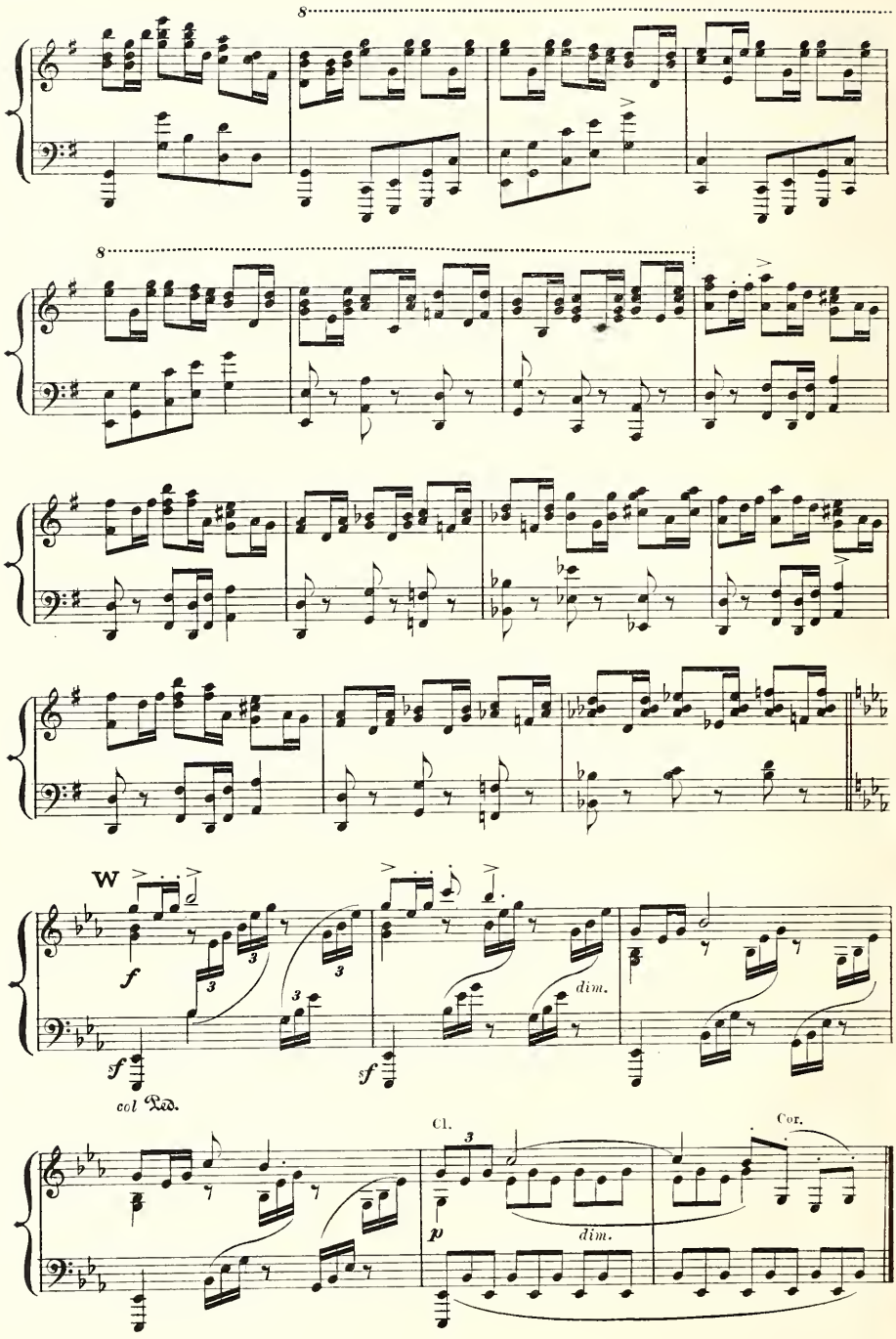
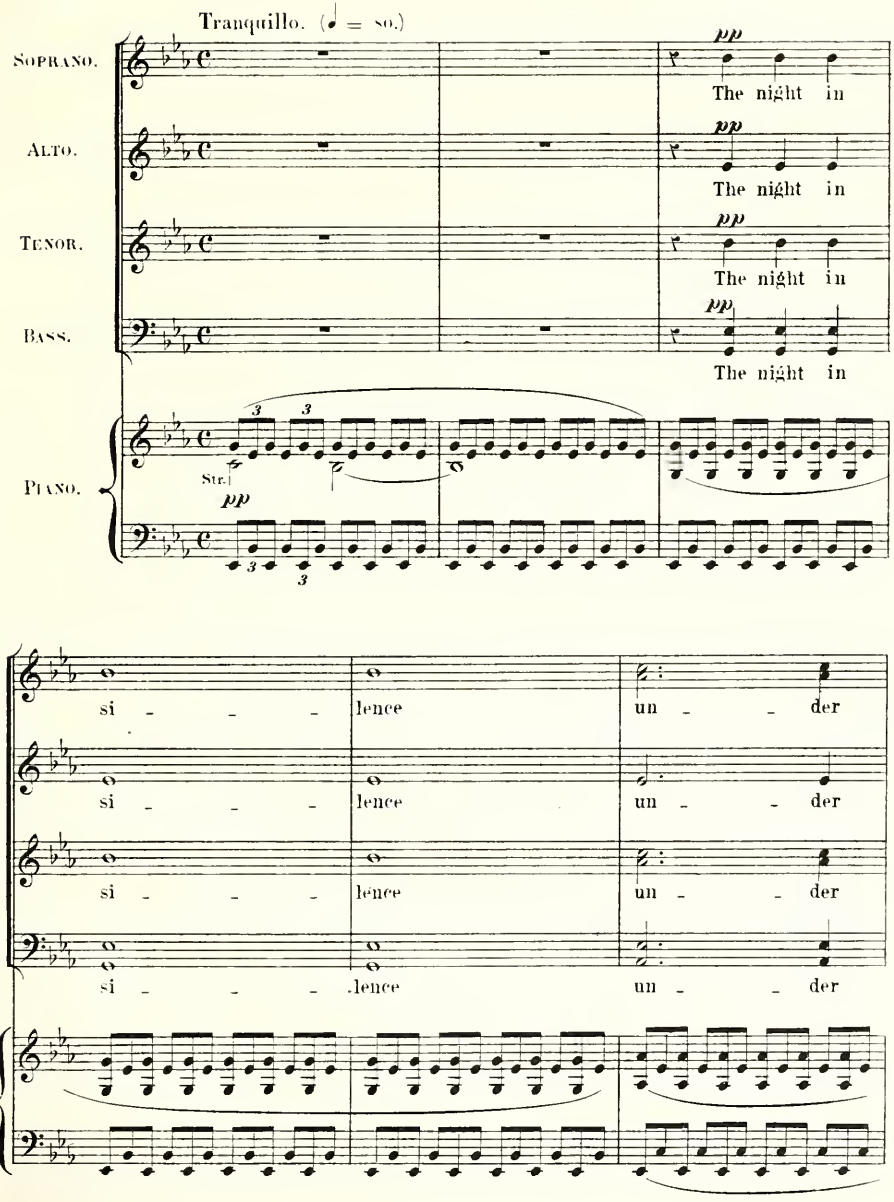
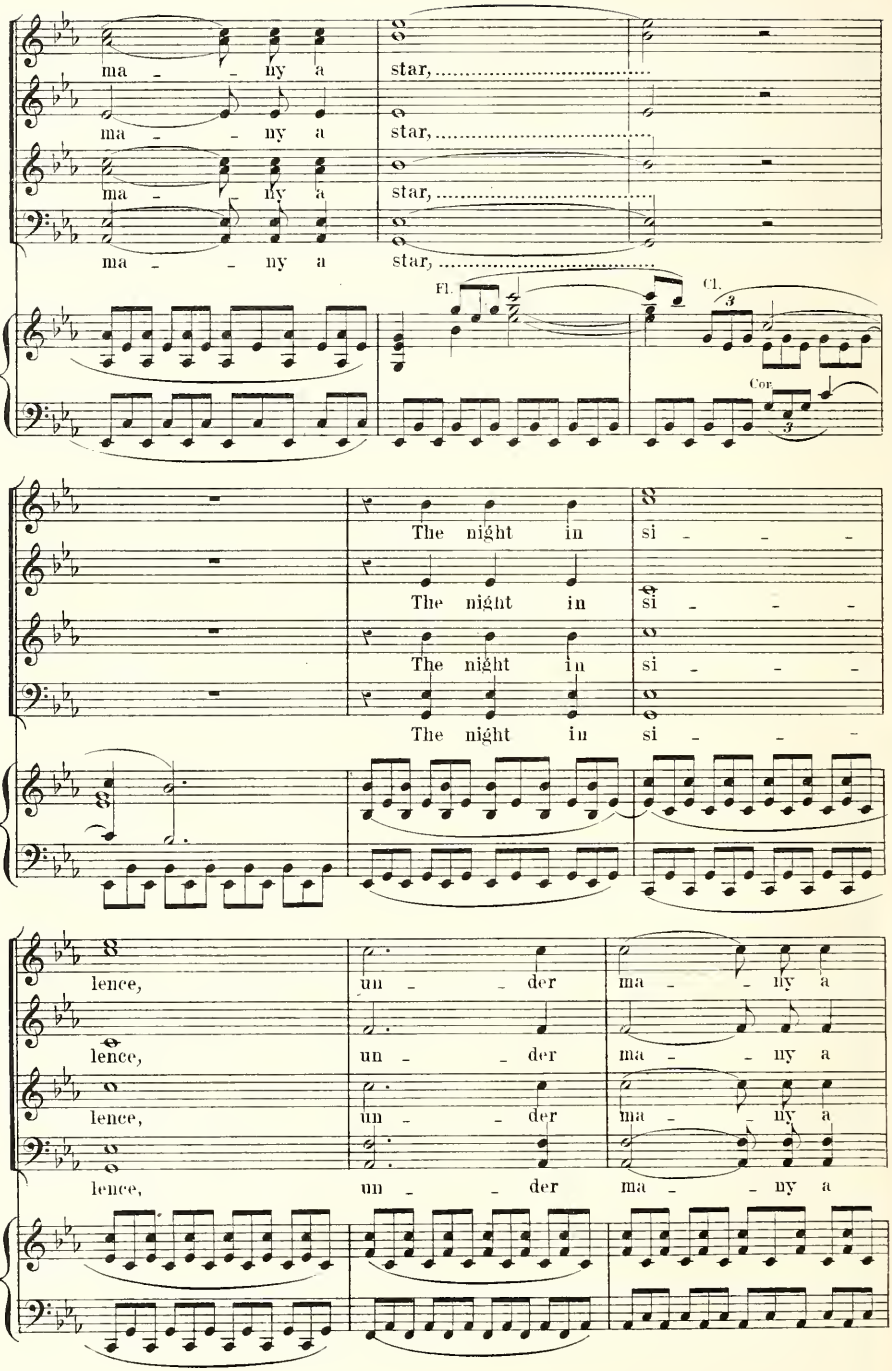
dorn - ments and feast - ings, a - dorn - ments and
staccato

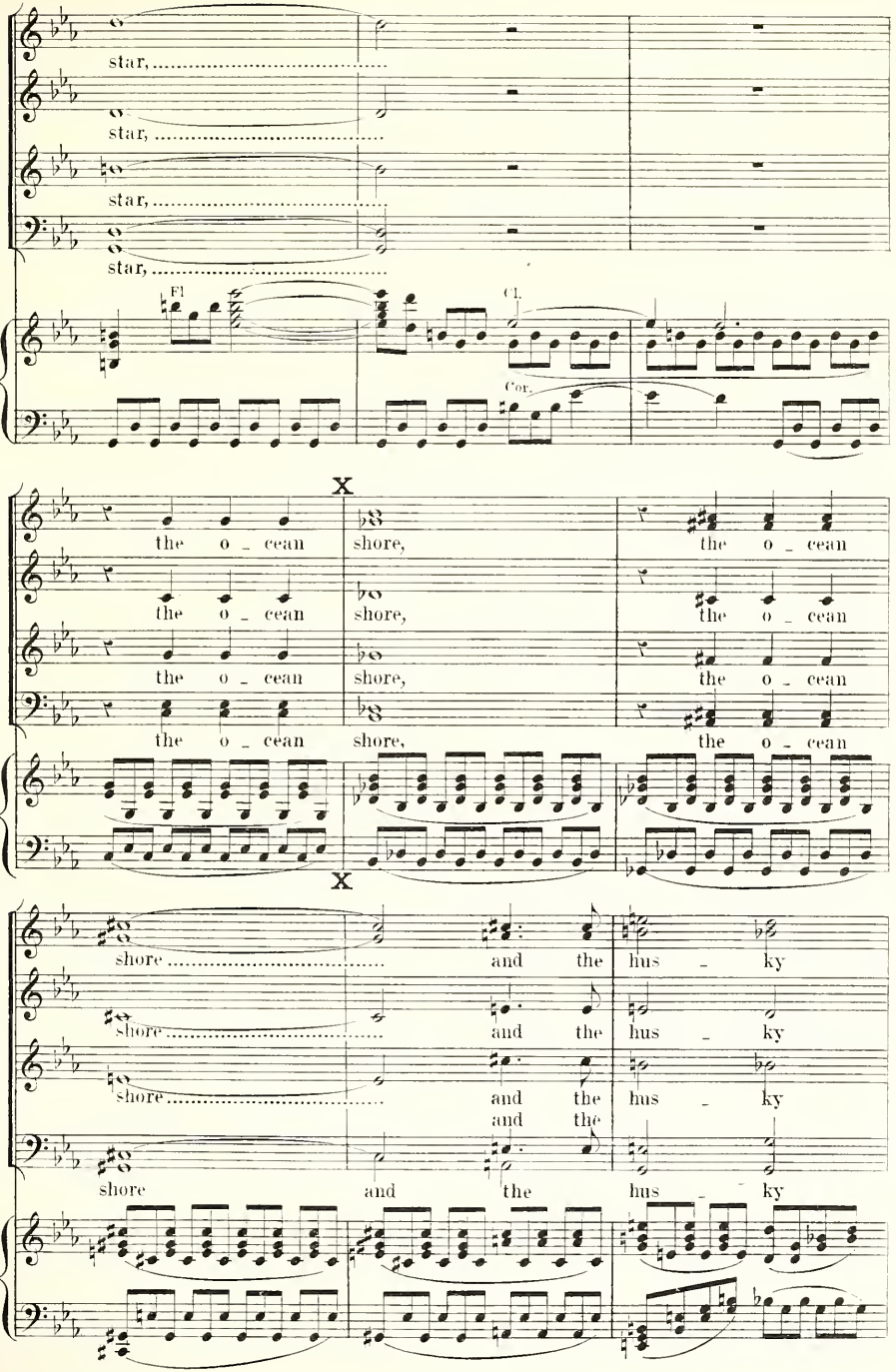

cresc.
feast - ings, a - dorn - ments and feast - ings for
feast - ings, a - dorn - ments and feast - ings for
feast - ings, a - dorn - ments and feast - ings for
p
cresc.
f
U
a - dorn - ments and feast - ings,
thee,..... a - dorn - ments and feast - ings,
thee,..... a - dorn - ments and feast - ings,
thee,..... a - dorn - ments and feast - ings,
f
U
rall.
ff
Maestoso.
dan - - - ces for thee!
dan - - - ces for thee!
dan - - - ces for thee!
dan - - - - ces for thee!
Maestoso.
cresc.
rall.
ff

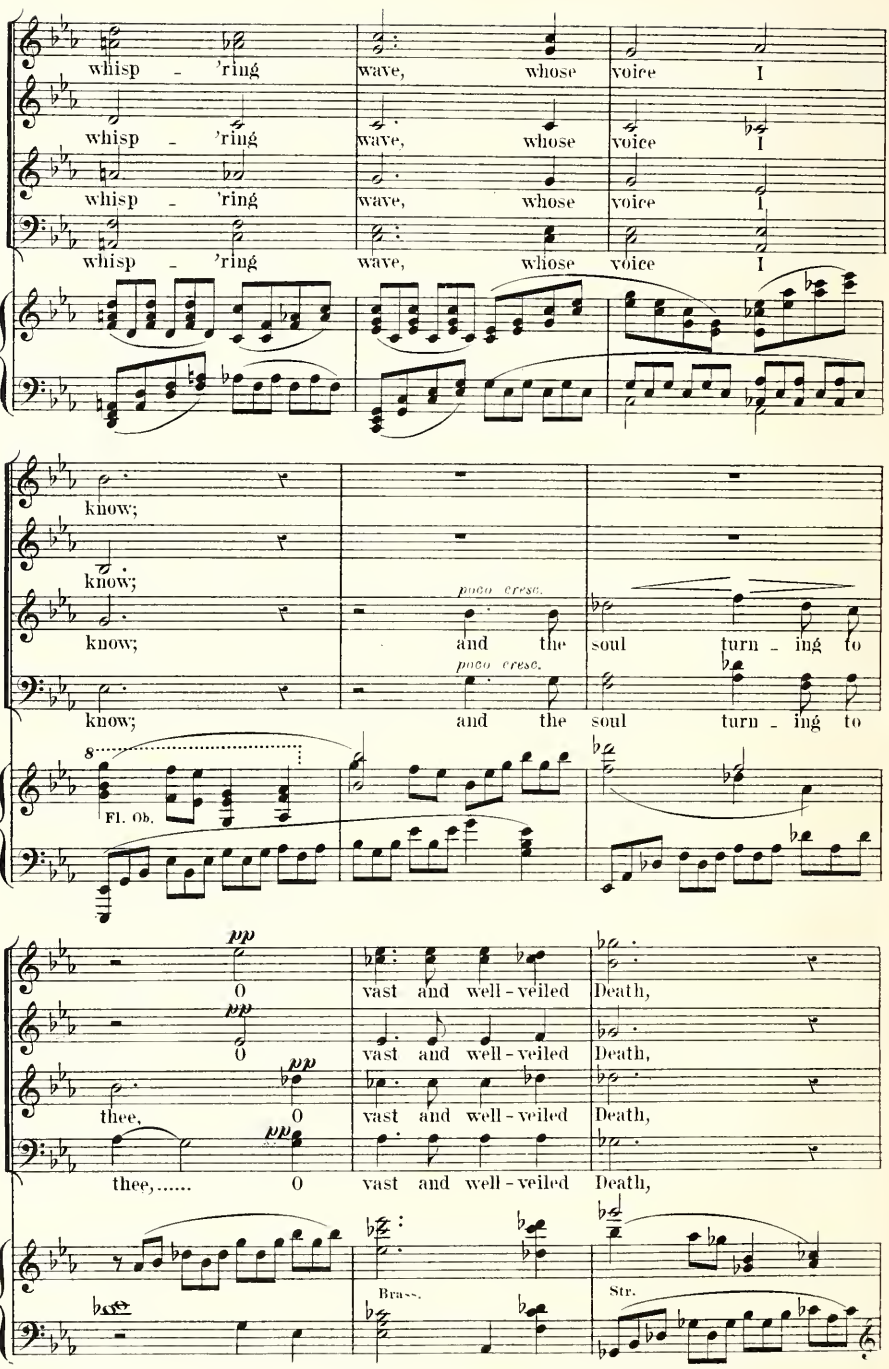

8
8
W
f
3
3
3
f
col Ped.
dim.
f
Cl.
Cor.
p
dim.

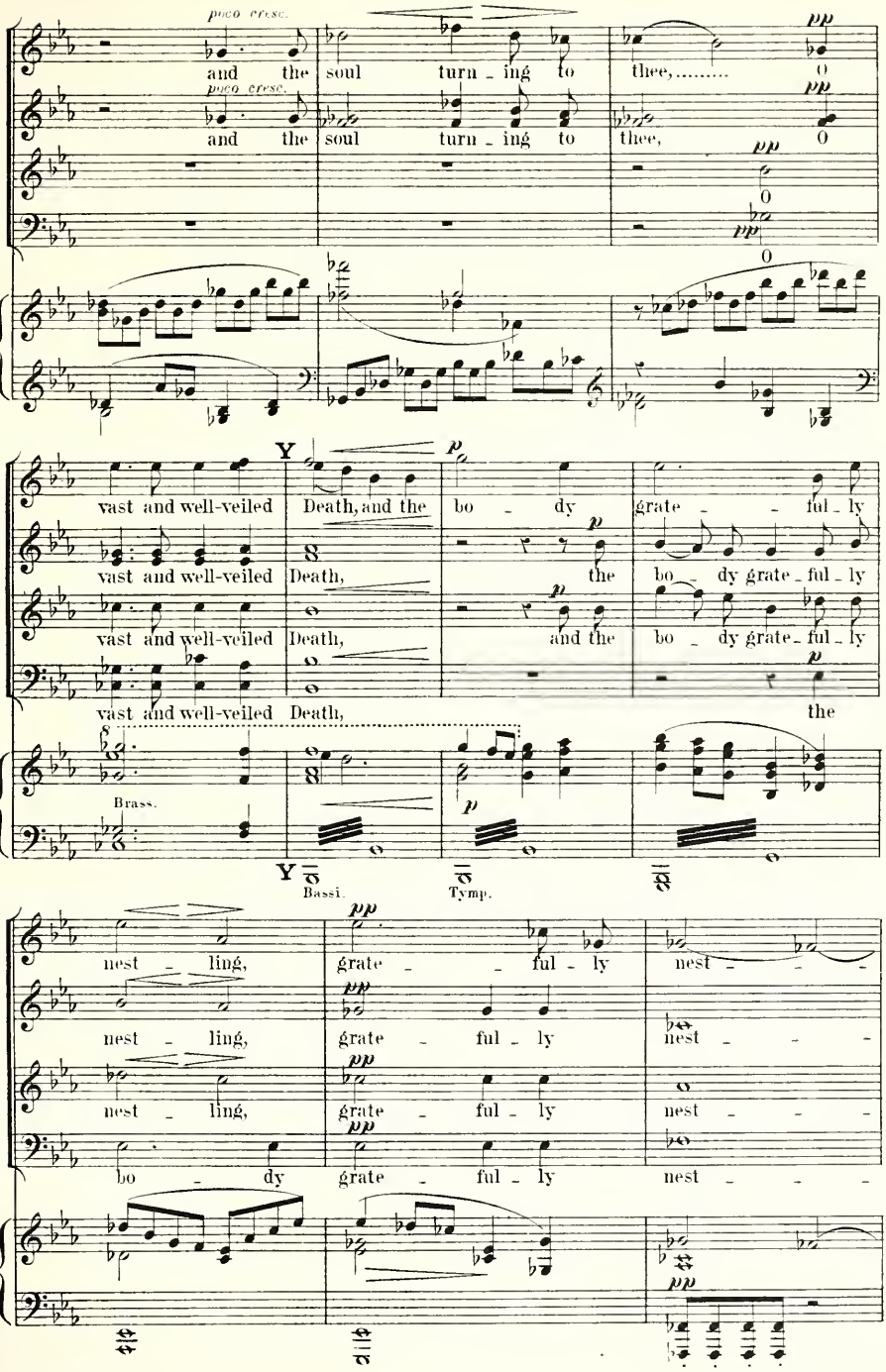
Nº IV. CHORUS.

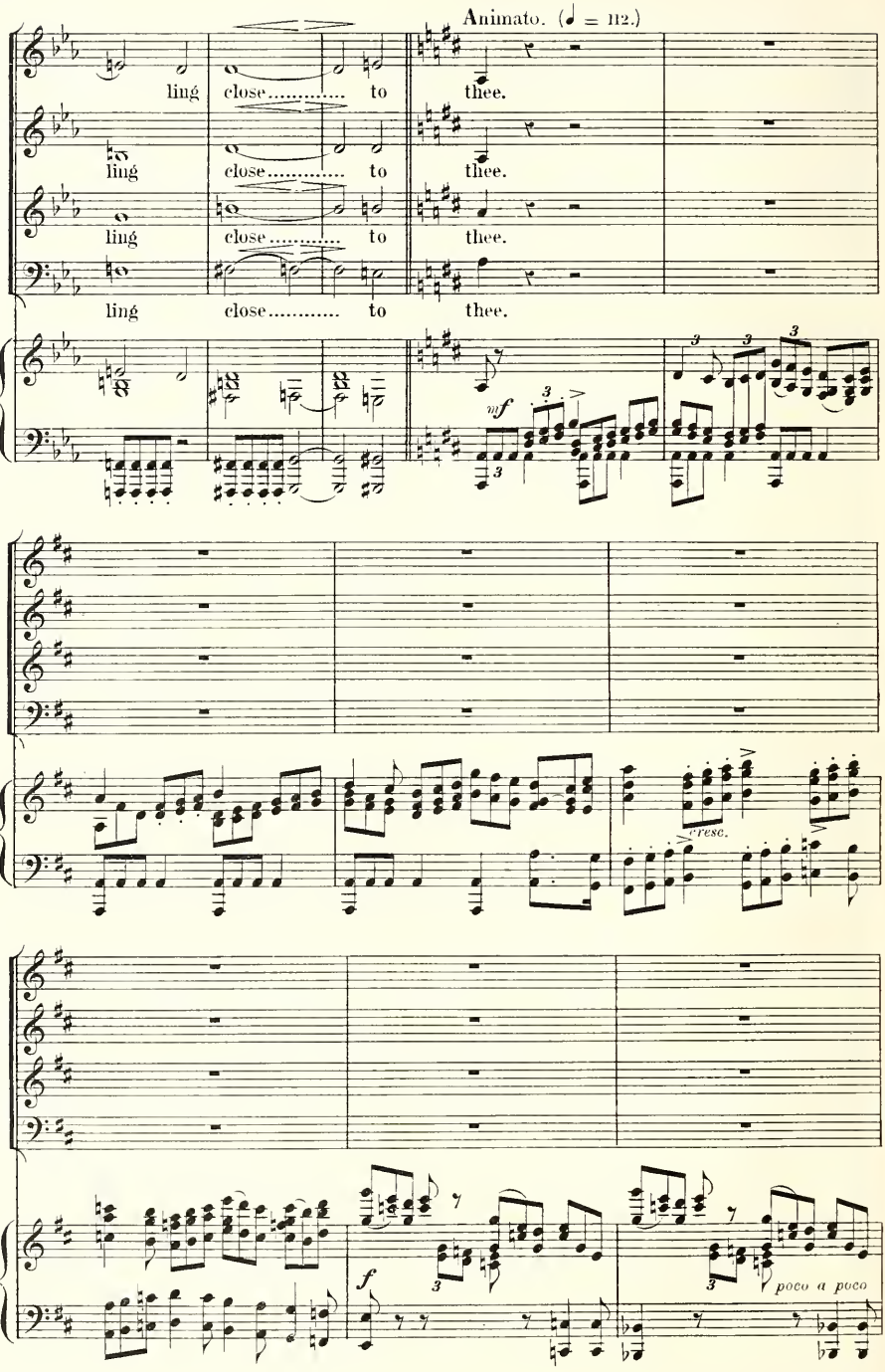

Tranquillo. (♩ = 80.)
Soprano.
Alto.
Tenor.
Bass.
Piano.
pp
The night in
Str.
si - - - lence
un - - der

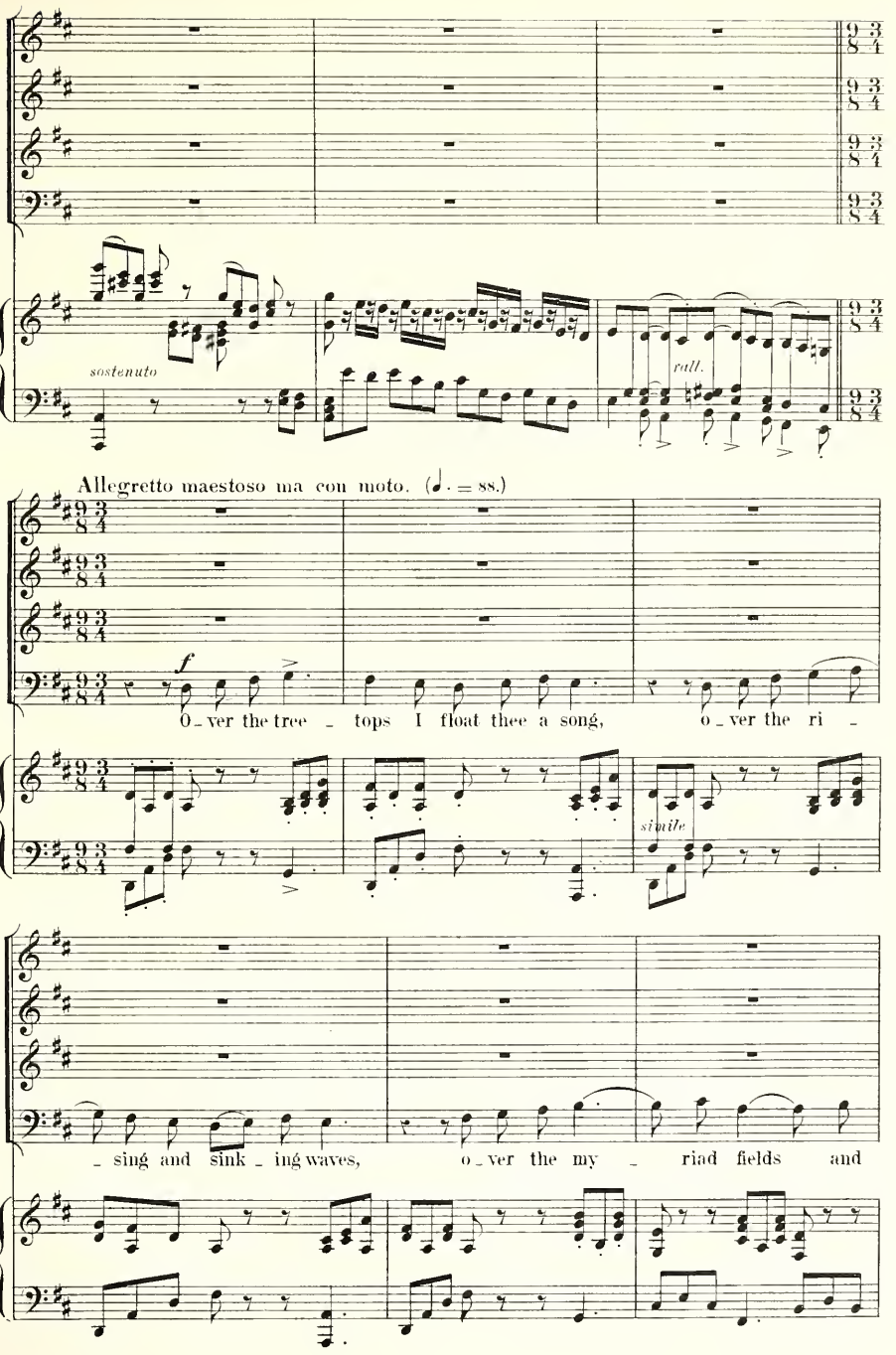

ma - - ny a star,
ma - - ny a star,
ma - - ny a star,
ma - - ny a star,
Fl.
Cl.
Cor.
The night in si - - -
The night in si - - -
The night in si - - -
The night in si - - -
lence, un - - der ma - - ny a
lence, un - - der ma - - ny a
lence, un - - der ma - - ny a
lence, un - - der ma - - ny a

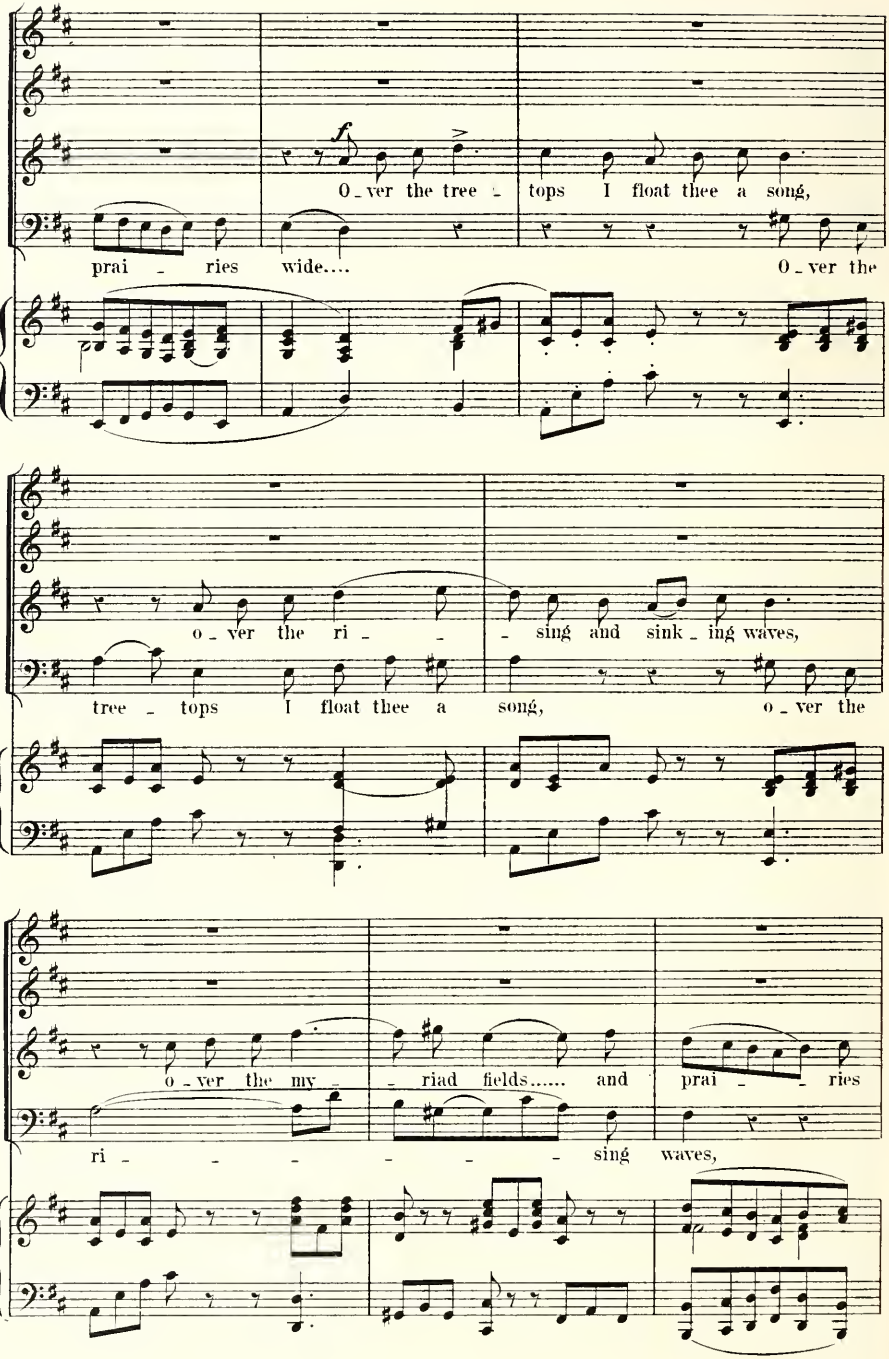

star,
star,
star,
star,
Fl.
Cl.
Cor.
X
the o _ cean shore, the o _ cean
the o _ cean shore, the o _ cean
the o _ cean shore, the o _ cean
the o _ cean shore, the o _ cean
X
shore and the hus _ ky
shore and the hus _ ky
shore and the hus _ ky
and the
shore and the hus _ ky

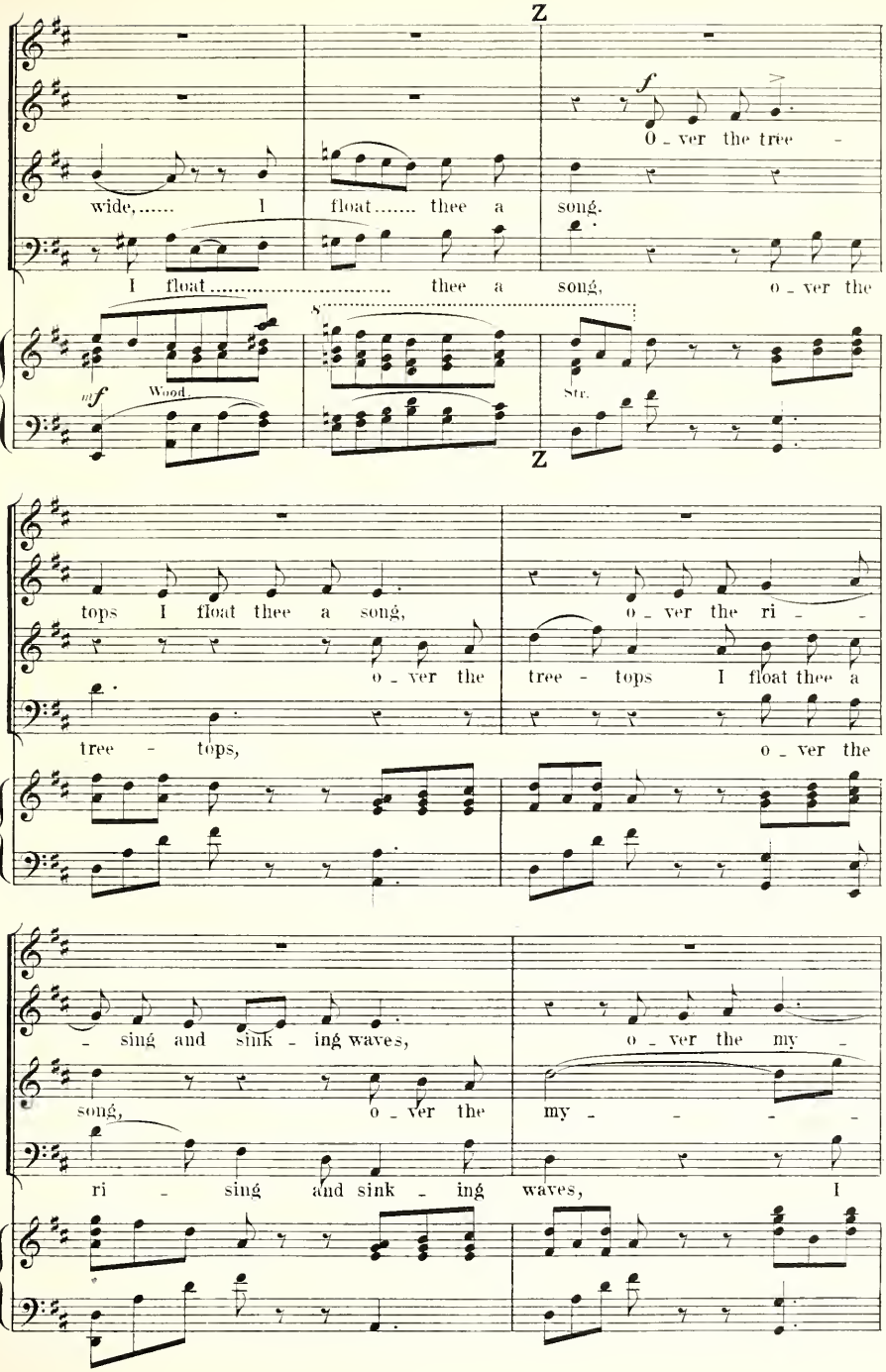

whisp - 'ring wave, whose voice I
whisp - 'ring wave, whose voice I
whisp - 'ring wave, whose voice I
whisp - 'ring wave, whose voice I
know;
know;
know;
know;
poco cresc.
and the soul turn - ing to
poco cresc.
and the soul turn - ing to
8
Fl. Ob.
pp
O vast and well - veiled Death,
pp
O vast and well - veiled Death,
pp
thee, O vast and well - veiled Death,
pp
thee,..... O vast and well - veiled Death,
Brass.
Str.

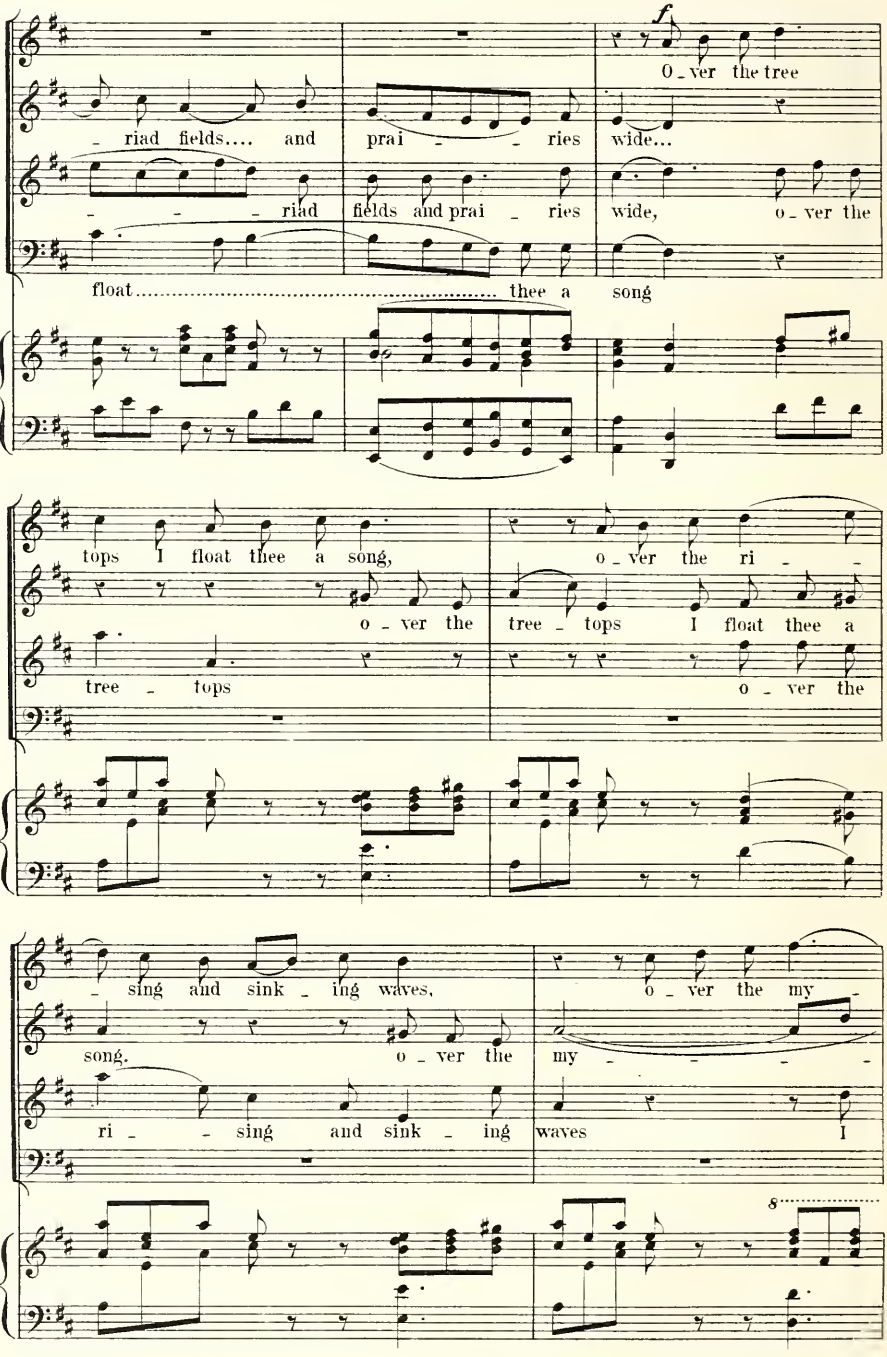

poco cresc.
and the soul turn - ing to thee,
poco cresc.
and the soul turn - ing to thee,
vast and well-veiled Death, and the bo - dy grate - ful - ly
vast and well-veiled Death, the bo - dy grate - ful - ly
vast and well-veiled Death, and the bo - dy grate - ful - ly
vast and well-veiled Death, the
Brass.
Bassi.
Tymp.
nest - ling, grate - ful - ly nest -
nest - ling, grate - ful - ly nest -
nest - ling, grate - ful - ly nest -
bo - dy grate - ful - ly nest -

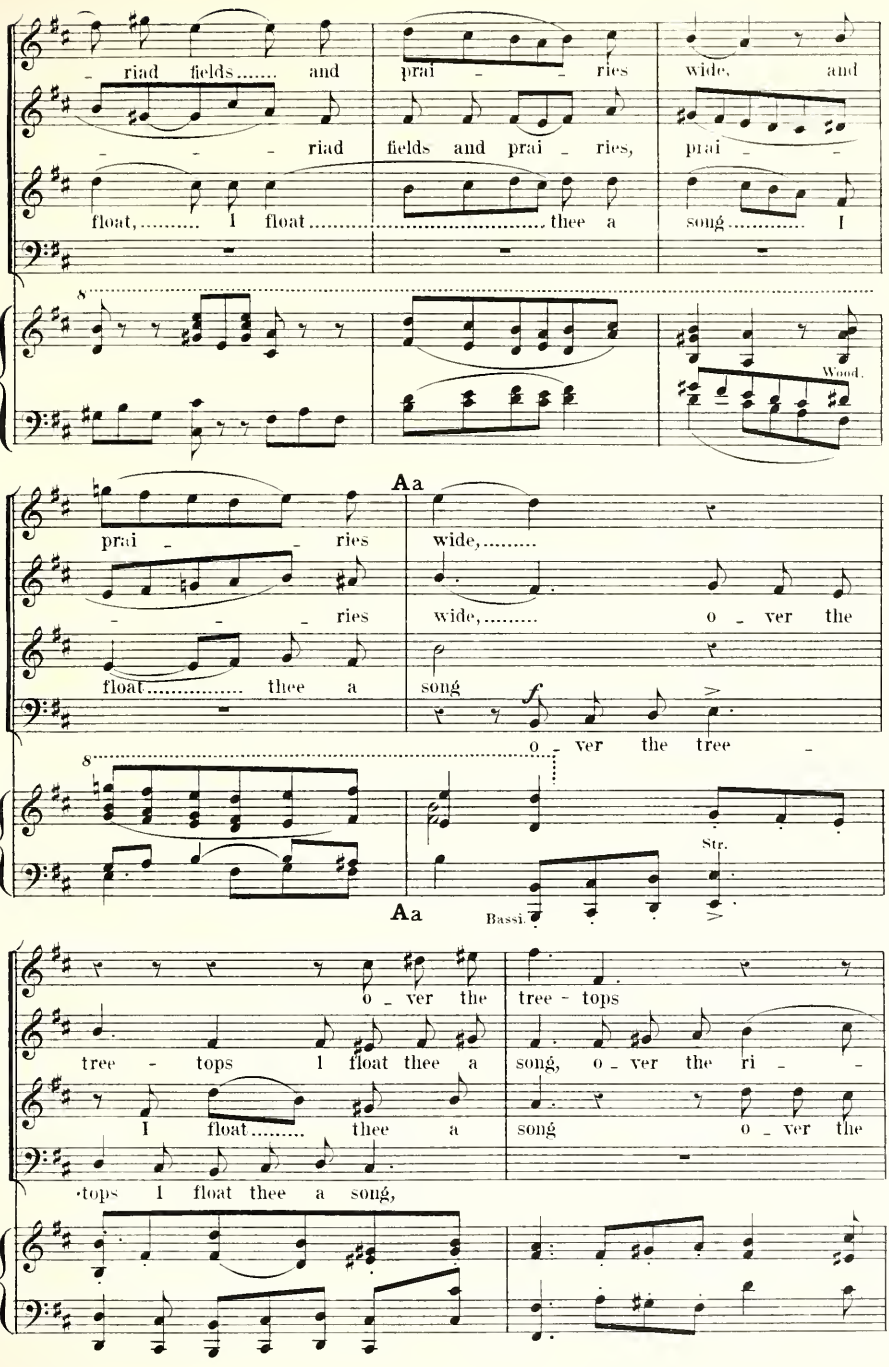

Animato. (♩ = 112.)
ling close..... to thee.
ling close..... to thee.
ling close..... to thee.
ling close..... to thee.
mf
cresc.
f
poco a poco

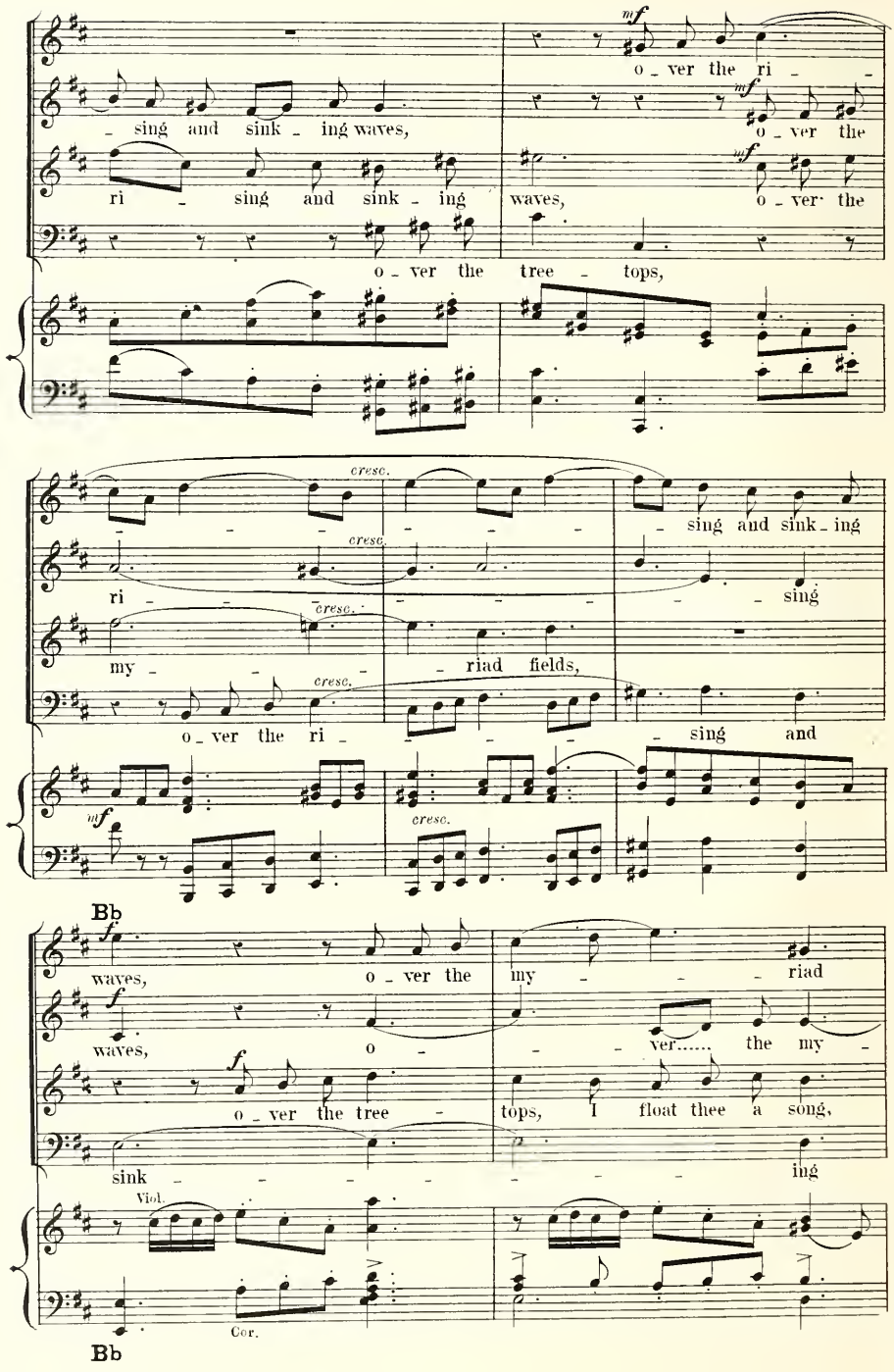

sostenuto
rall.
Allegretto maestoso ma con moto. (♩. = 88.)
f
O - ver the tree - tops I float thee a song, o - ver the ri -
simile
- sing and sink - ing waves, o - ver the my - riad fields and

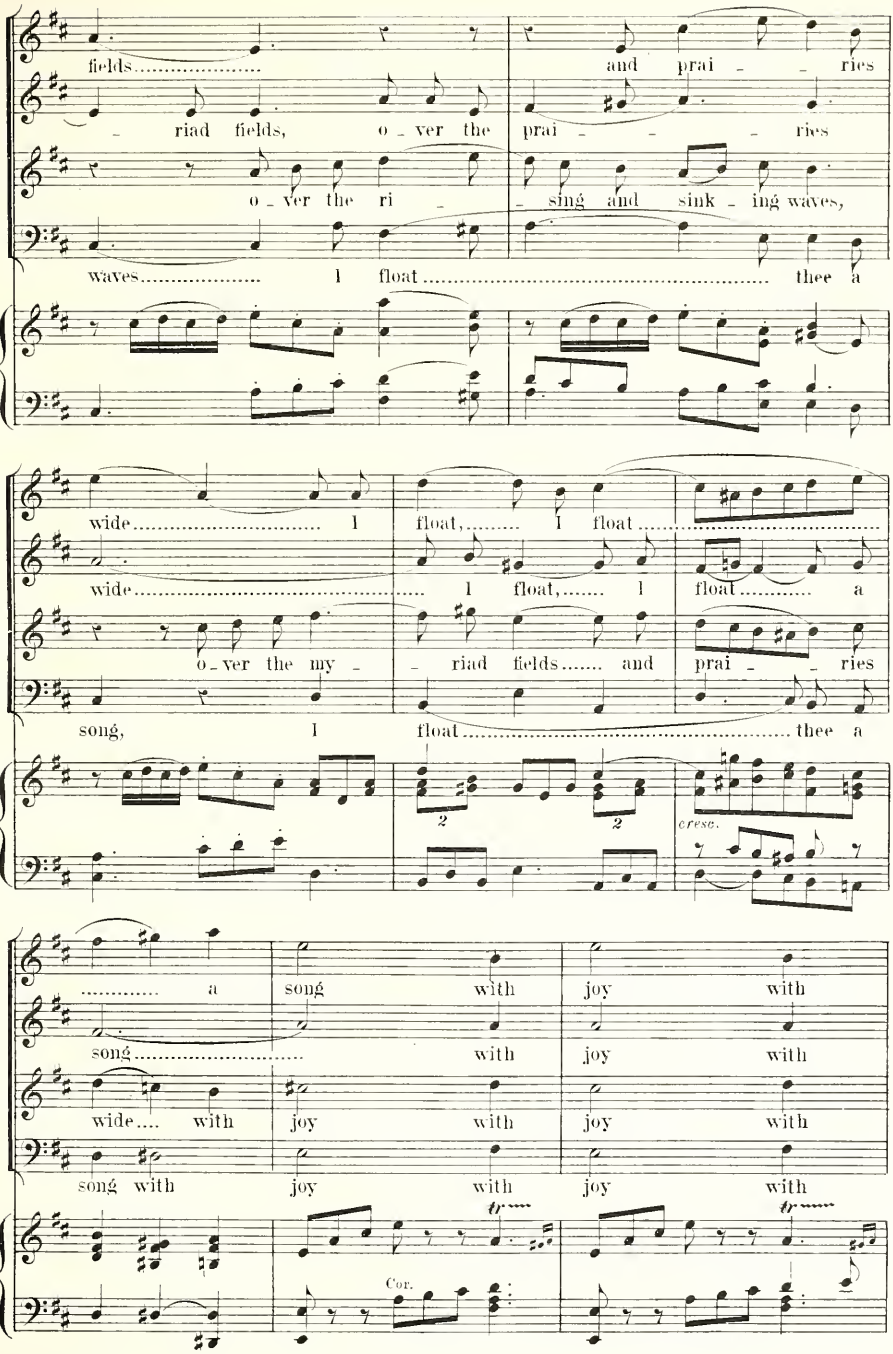

f
O - ver the tree - tops I float thee a song,
prai - ries wide.... O - ver the
o - ver the ri - - sing and sink - ing waves,
tree - tops I float thee a song, o - ver the
o - ver the my - - riad fields..... and prai - - ries
ri - - - - - - sing waves,

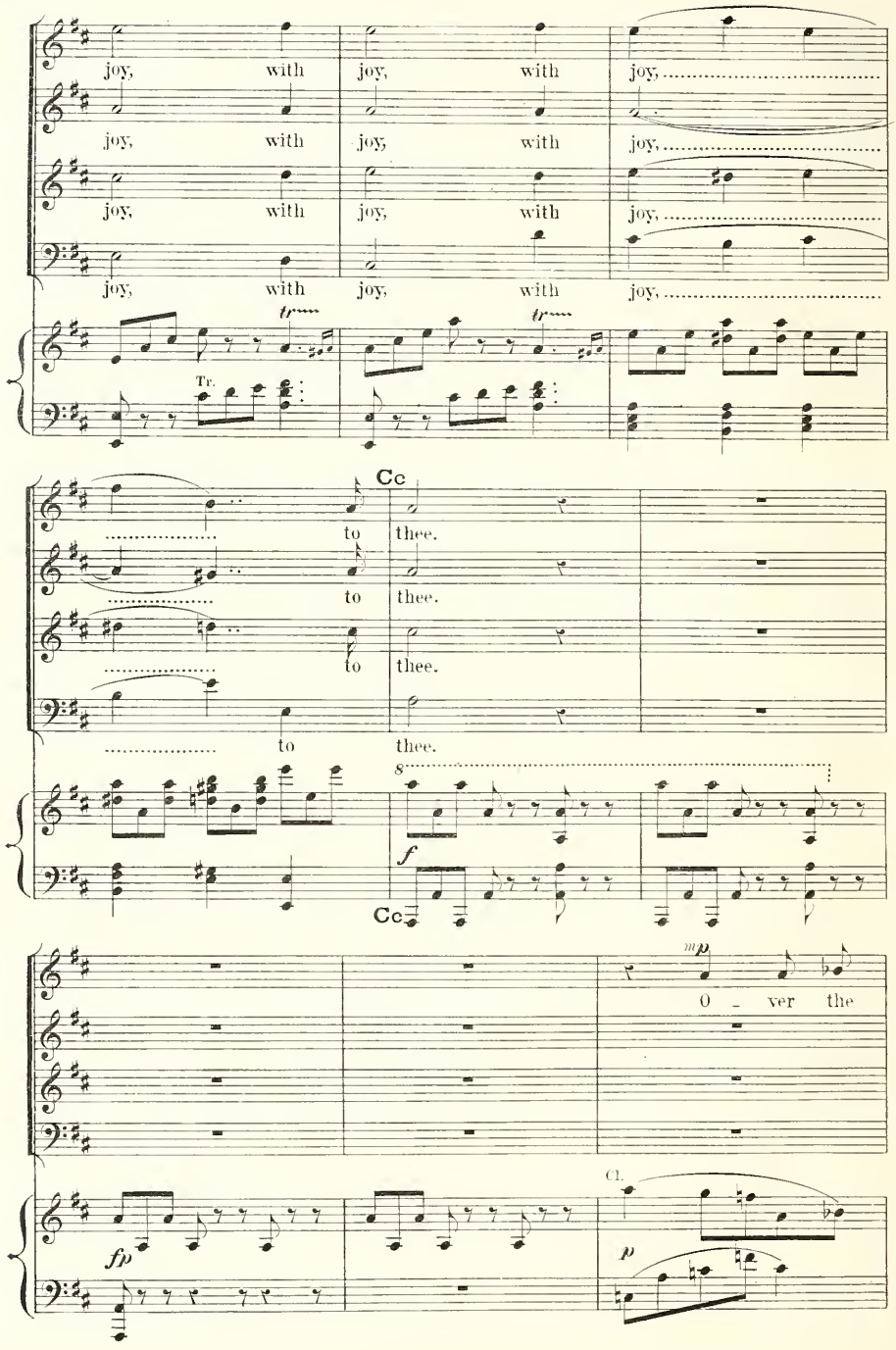

Z
wide, I float thee a song.
f
O - ver the tree -
I float thee a song, o - ver the
mf
Wood.
Str.
Z
tops I float thee a song,
o - ver the ri - -
o - ver the tree - tops I float thee a
tree - tops,
o - ver the
- sing and sink - ing waves,
o - ver the my -
song,
o - ver the my - - - -
ri - sing and sink - ing waves,
I

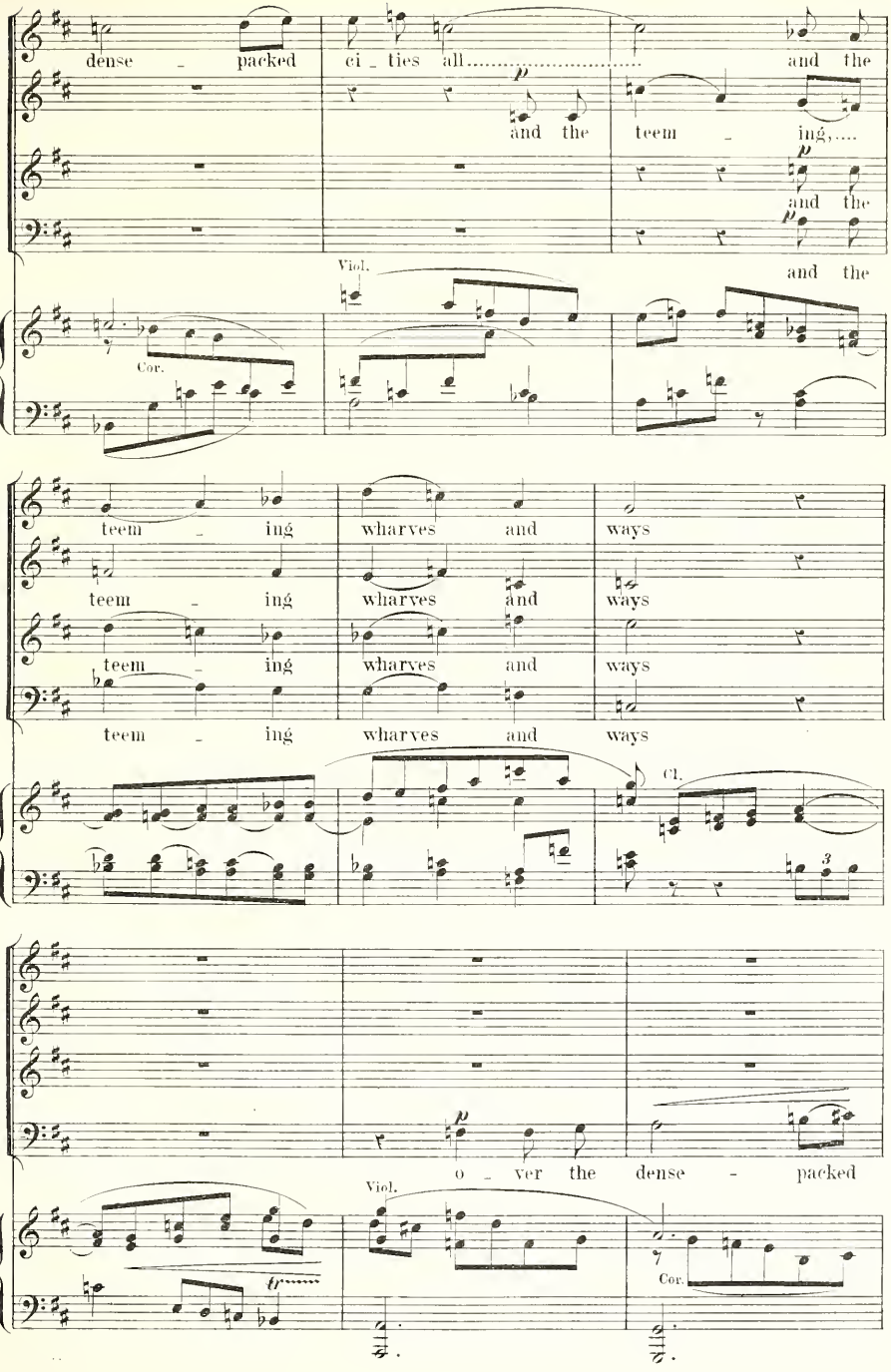

f
O - ver the tree
- riad fields.... and prai - - ries wide...
- - - riad fields and prai - ries wide, o - ver the
float ..... thee a song
tops I float thee a song,
o - ver the ri - -
o - ver the
tree - tops I float thee a
tree - tops
o - ver the
- sing and sink - ing waves,
o - ver the my -
song.
o - ver the
my - - - -
ri - - sing and sink - ing
waves I
8

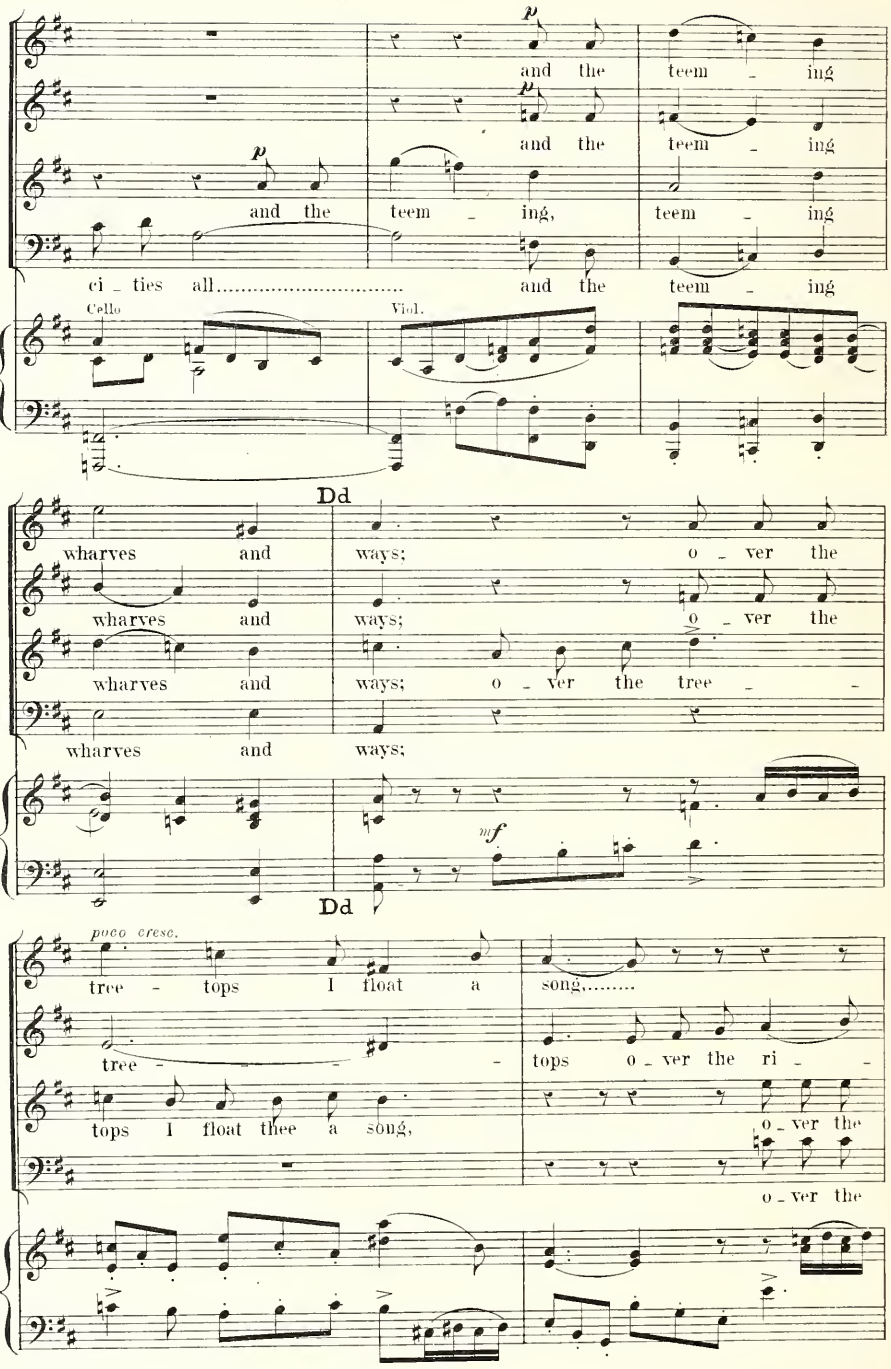

riad fields..... and prai - ries wide, and
riad fields and prai - ries, prai -
float,..... I float..... thee a song..... I
8
Wood.
Aa
prai - ries wide,.....
ries wide,..... o - ver the
float..... thee a song
f
o - ver the tree -
8
Str.
Aa
Bassi.
o - ver the tree - tops
tree - tops I float thee a song, o - ver the ri - -
I float..... thee a song o - ver the
tops I float thee a song,

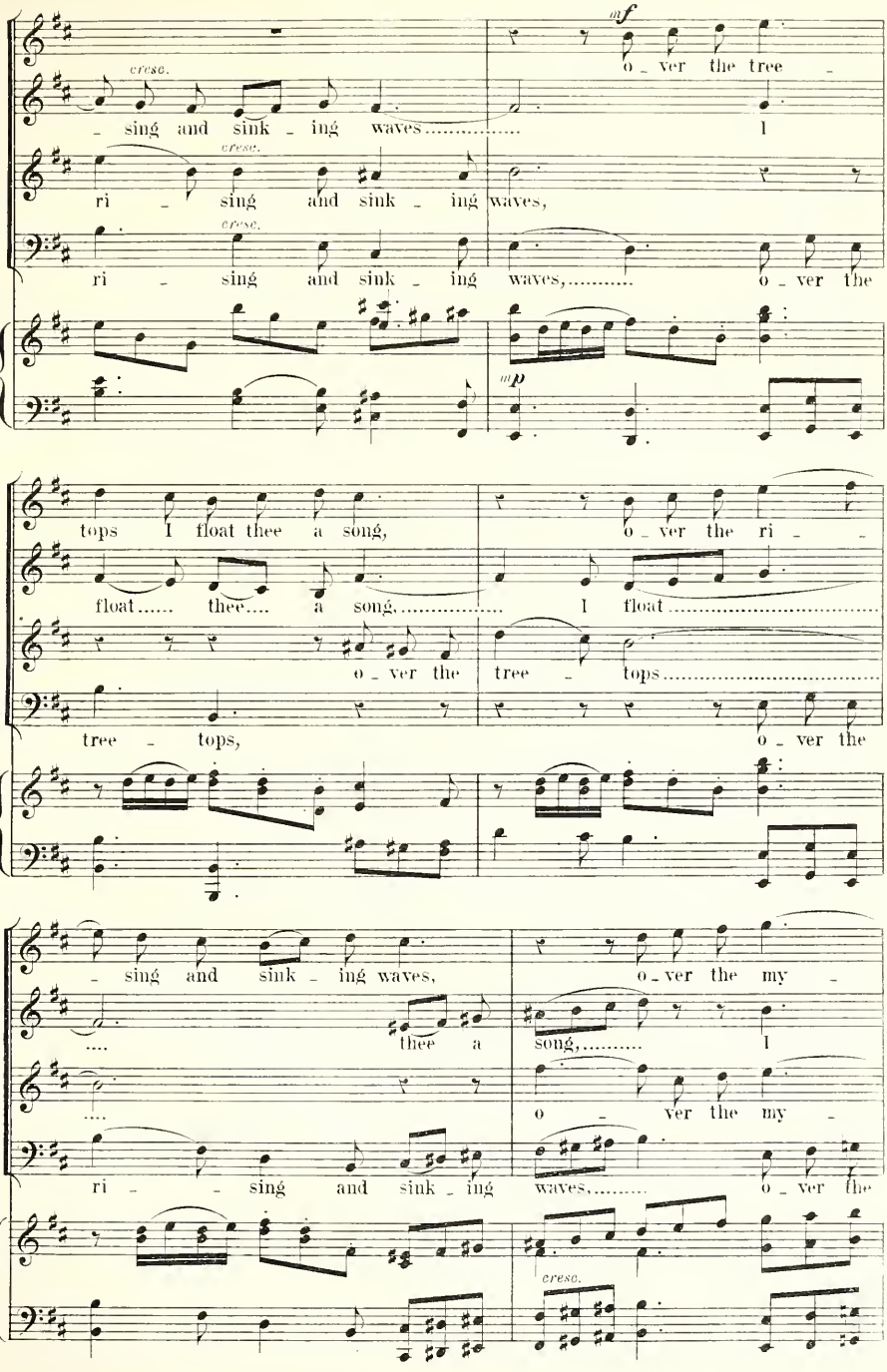

mf
o _ ver the ri _ _
_ sing and sink _ ing waves,
o _ ver the
ri _ sing and sink _ ing waves,
o _ ver the
o _ ver the tree _ tops,
cresc.
_ sing and sink _ ing
ri _ _ _ _ _ _ _ sing
my _ _ _ _ riad fields,
o _ ver the ri _ _ _ _ _ sing and
Bb
f
waves, o _ ver the my _ _ _ riad
waves, o _ _ _ ver..... the my _
o _ ver the tree _ tops, I float thee a song,
sink _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ing
Viol.
Cor.
Bb

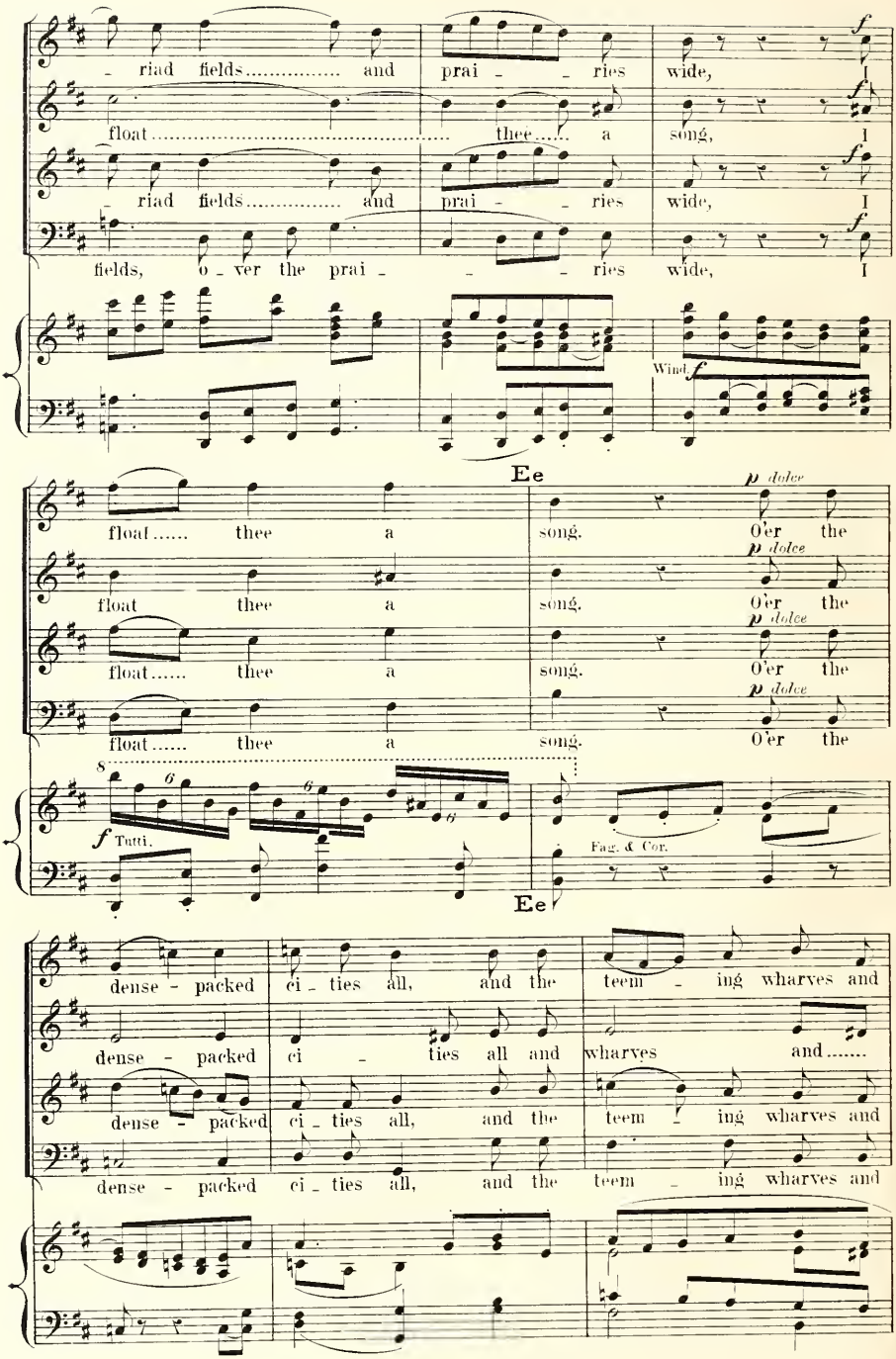

fields and prai - ries
- riad fields, o - ver the prai - - ries
o - ver the ri - - sing and sink - ing waves,
waves I float thee a
wide I float, I float
wide I float, I float a
o - ver the my - - riad fields and prai - - ries
song, I float thee a
2
2
cresc.
a song with joy with
song with joy with
wide with joy with joy with
song with joy with joy with
tr
tr
Cor.

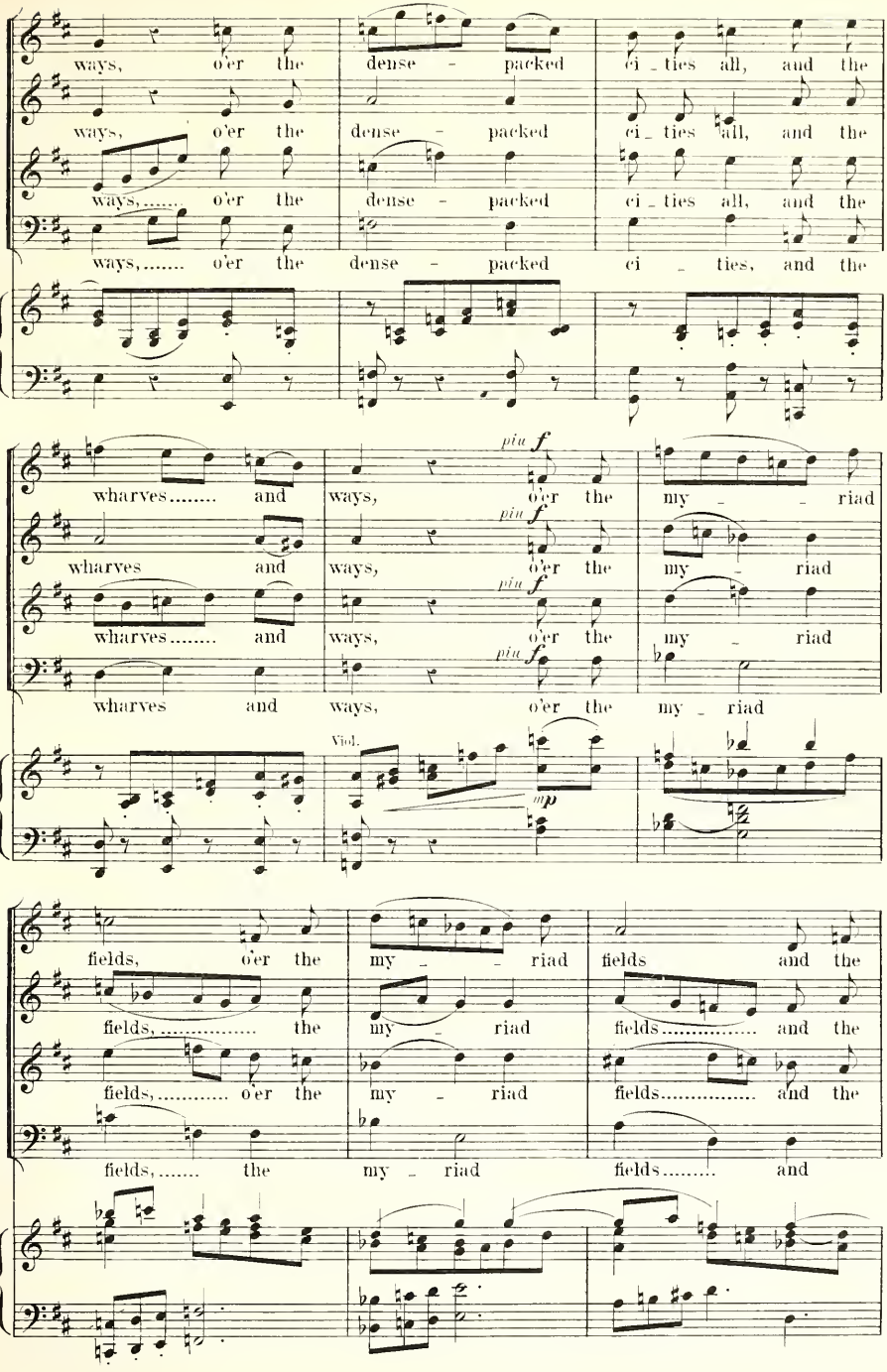

joy, with joy, with joy,
joy, with joy, with joy,
joy, with joy, with joy,
joy, with joy, with joy,
tr
Tr.
Cc
to thee.
to thee.
to thee.
to thee.
8
f
Cc
mp
O - ver the
fp
Cl.
p

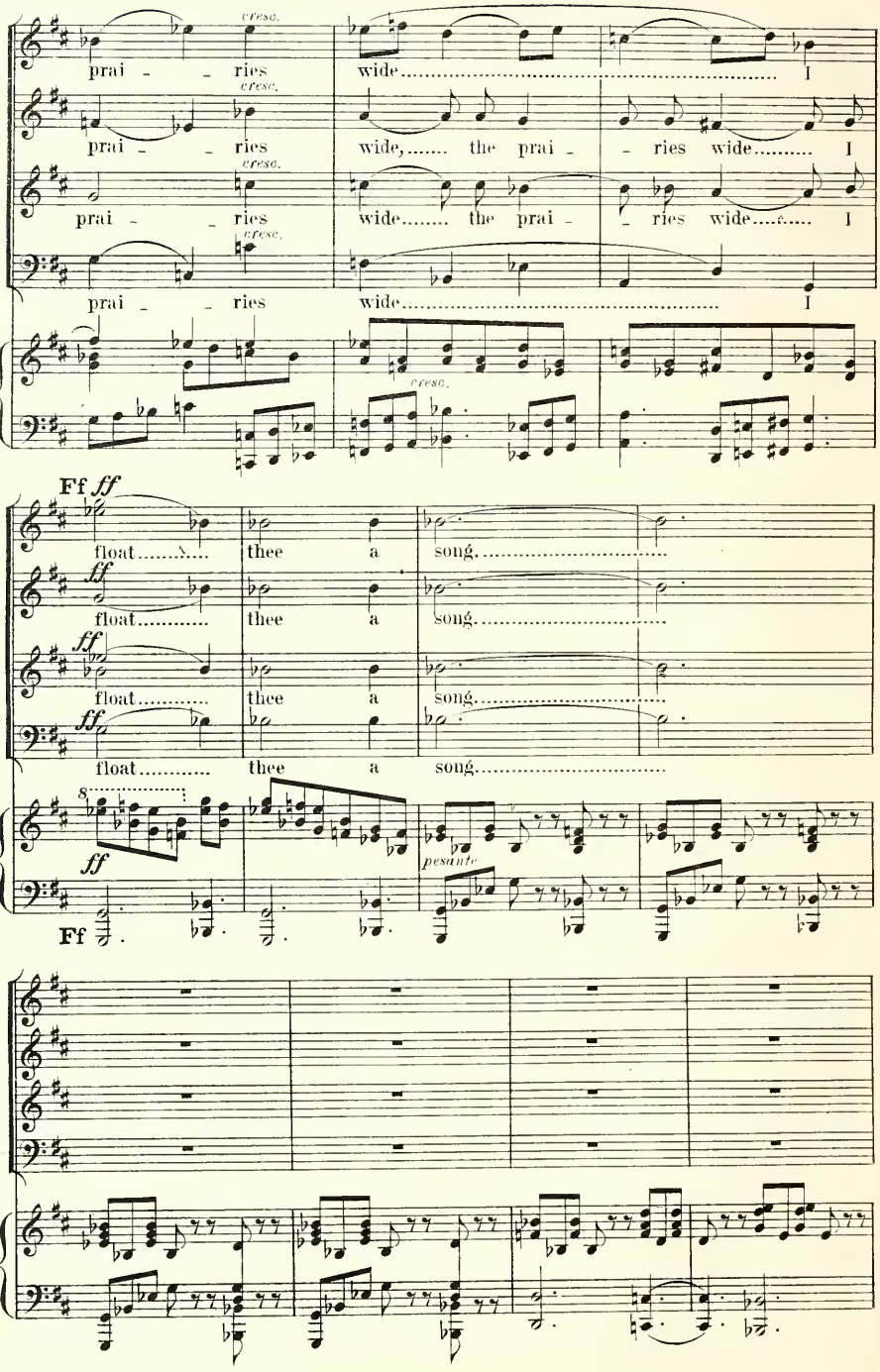

dense - packed ci - ties all and the
and the teem - ing,
and the
and the
Viol.
Cor.
teem - ing wharves and ways
teem - ing wharves and ways
teem - ing wharves and ways
teem - ing wharves and ways
Cl.
o - ver the dense - packed
Viol.
Cor.

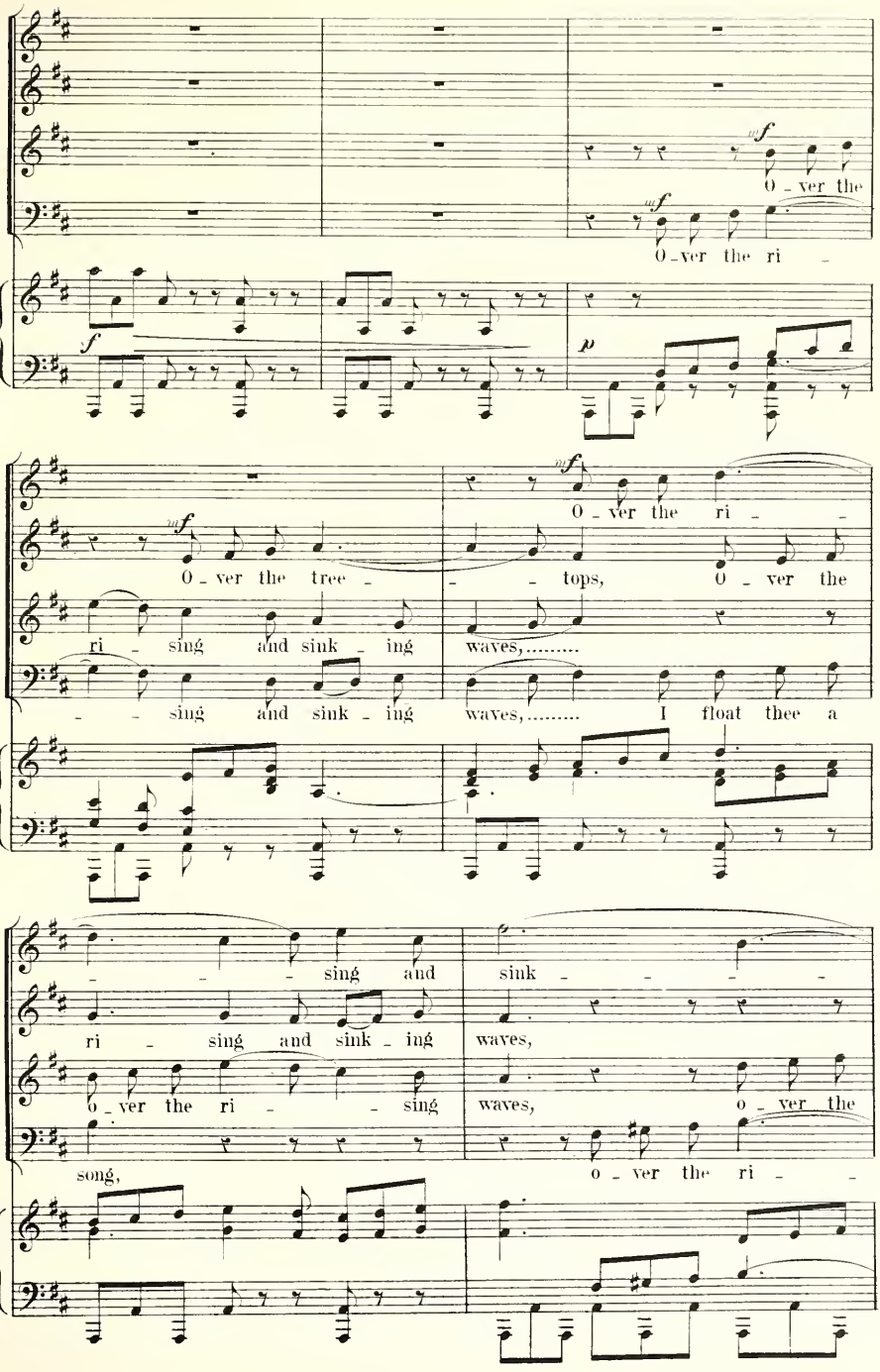

p
and the teem - ing
p
and the teem - ing
p
and the teem - ing, teem - ing
ci - ties all..... and the teem - ing
Cello
Viol.
Dd
wharves and ways; o - ver the
wharves and ways; o - ver the
wharves and ways; o - ver the tree - -
wharves and ways;
mf
Dd
poco cresc.
tree - tops I float a song.....
tree - - - tops o - ver the ri - -
tops I float thee a song, o - ver the
o - ver the

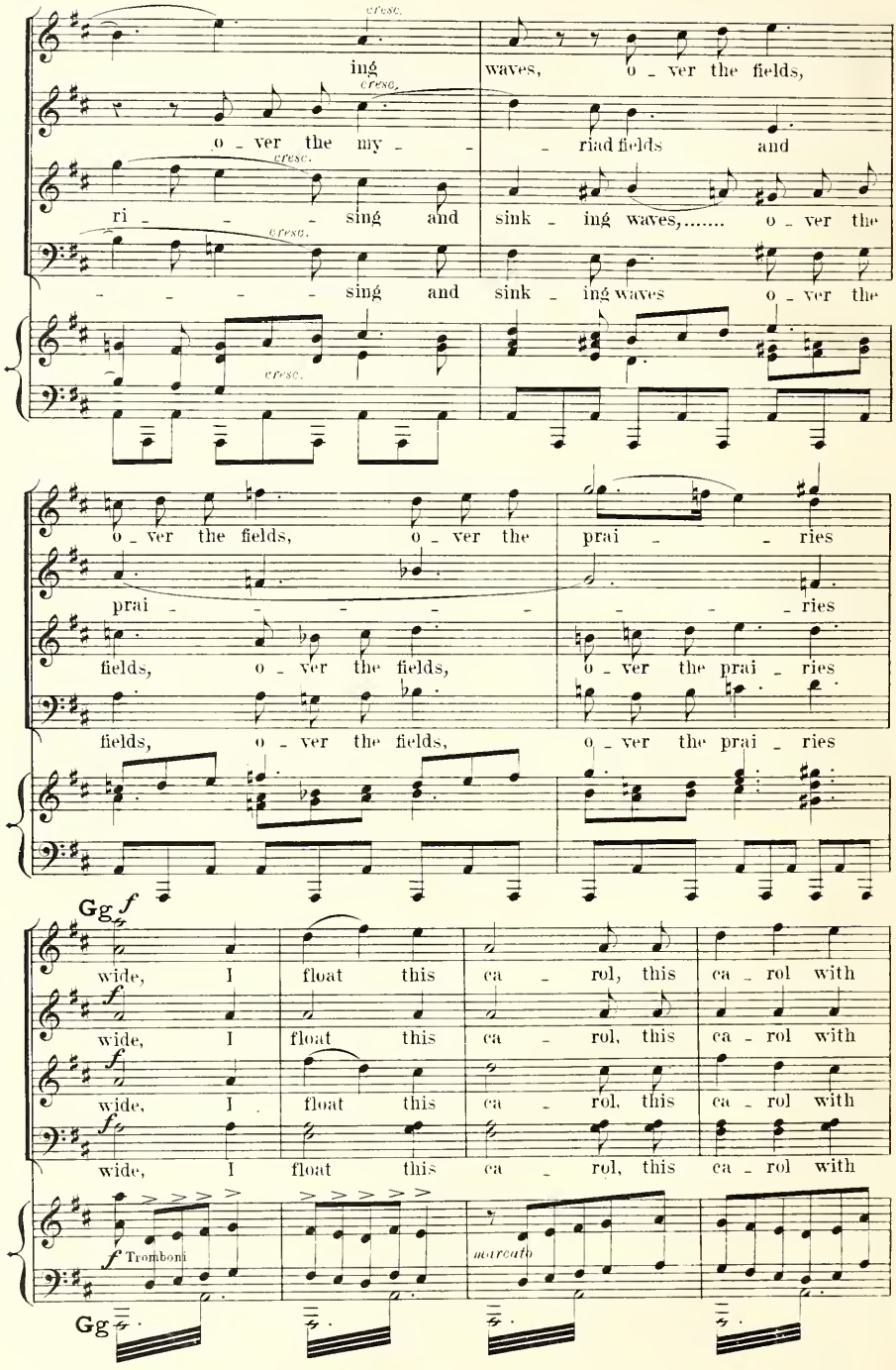

cresc.
mf
o - ver the tree -
- sing and sink - ing waves..... I
cresc.
ri - sing and sink - ing waves,
cresc.
ri - sing and sink - ing waves,..... o - ver the
mp
tops I float thee a song,
o - ver the ri - -
float..... thee.... a song,..... I float .....
o - ver the tree - tops.....
tree - tops,
o - ver the
- sing and sink - ing waves,
o - ver the my -
.... thee a song,..... I
....
o - ver the my -
ri - - sing and sink - ing waves..... o - ver the
cresc.

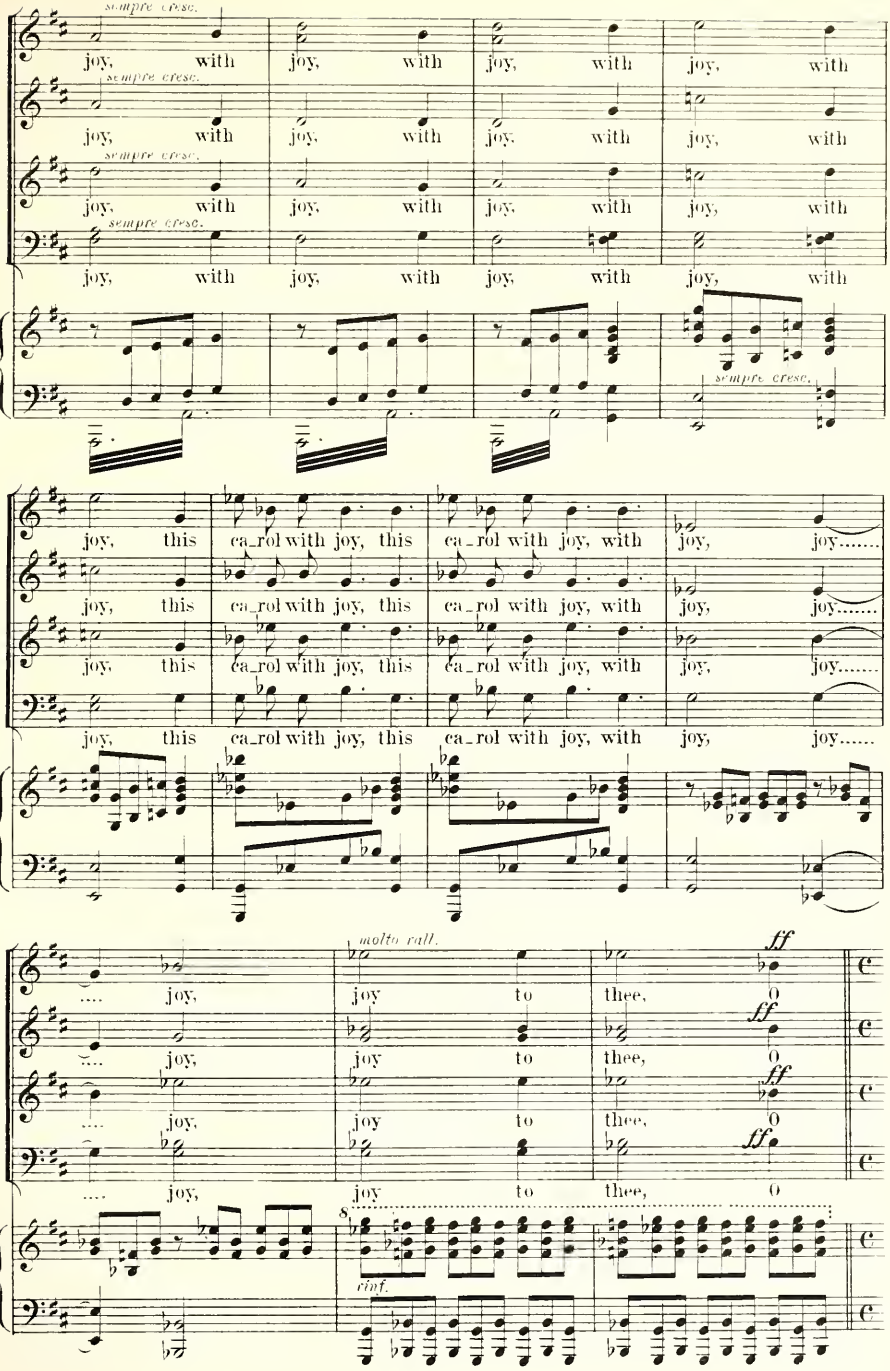

riad fields ..... and prai - - ries wide,
float ..... thee ..... a song,
riad fields ..... and prai - - ries wide,
fields, o - ver the prai - - - ries wide,
Wind.
Ee
float ..... thee a song. O'er the
float thee a song. O'er the
float ..... thee a song. O'er the
float ..... thee a song. O'er the
Tutti.
Fag. & Cor.
Ee
dense - packed ci - ties all, and the teem - ing wharves and
dense - packed ci - ties all and wharves and .....
dense - packed ci - ties all, and the teem - ing wharves and
dense - packed ci - ties all, and the teem - ing wharves and

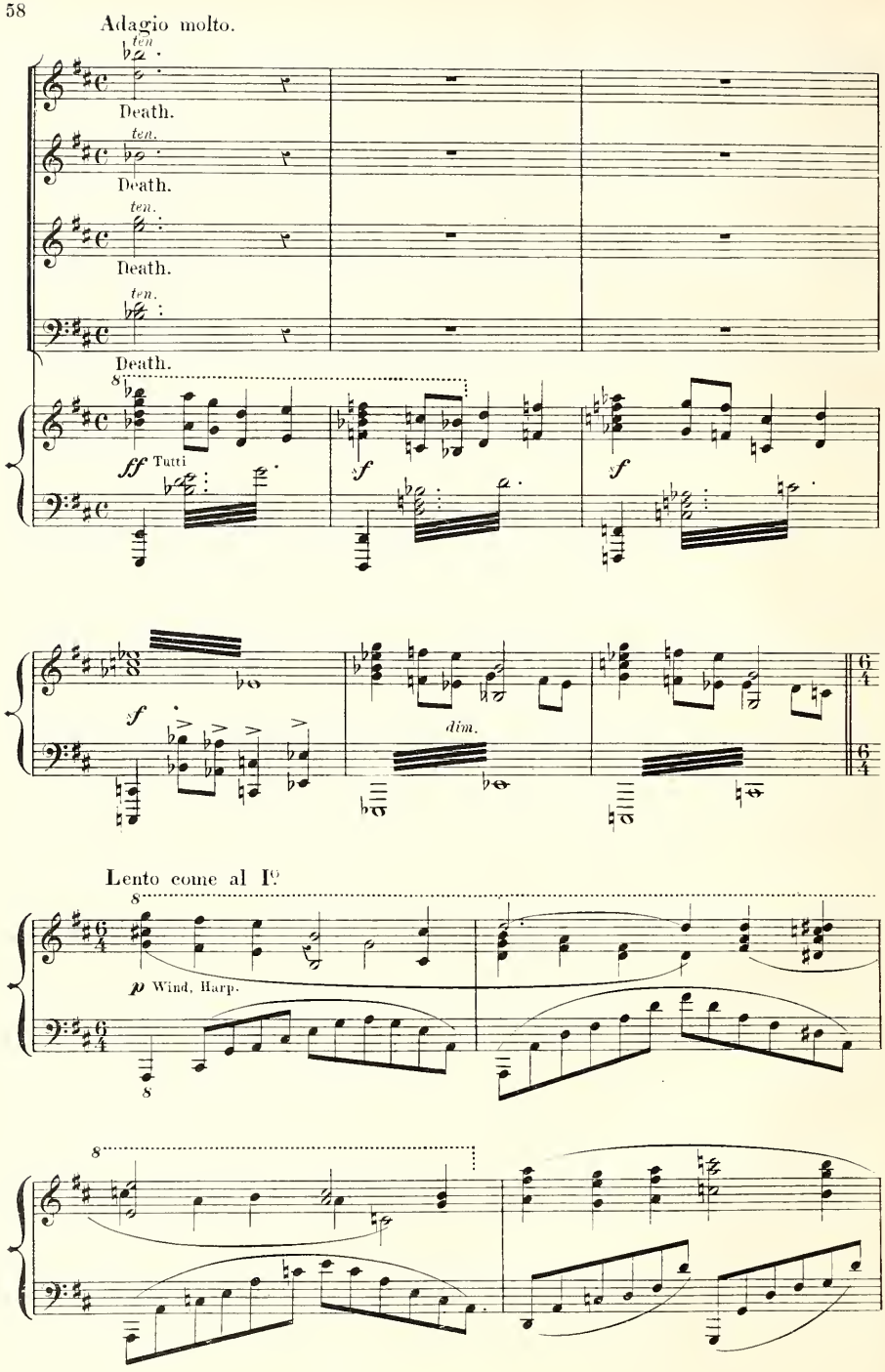

ways, o'er the dense - packed ci - ties all, and the
ways, o'er the dense - packed ci - ties all, and the
ways, o'er the dense - packed ci - ties all, and the
ways, o'er the dense - packed ci - ties, and the
wharves and ways, o'er the my - riad
wharves and ways, o'er the my - riad
wharves and ways, o'er the my - riad
wharves and ways, o'er the my - riad
piu f
Viol.
mp
fields, o'er the my - riad fields and the
fields, the my - riad fields and the
fields, o'er the my - riad fields and the
fields, the my - riad fields and


cresc.
prai - - ries
wide
I
prai - - ries
wide, the prai - - ries wide
I
prai - - ries
wide the prai - - ries wide
I
prai - - ries
wide
I
cresc.
Ff ff
float thee a song.
ff
float thee a song.
ff
float thee a song.
ff
float thee a song.
8
ff
pesante
Ff


O - ver the
O - ver the ri -
O - ver the ri -
O - ver the tree - - - tops, O - ver the
ri - sing and sink - ing waves,.....
- - sing and sink - ing waves,..... I float thee a
- - - sing and sink - - - -
ri - sing and sink - ing waves,
o - ver the ri - - sing waves, o - ver the
song, o - ver the ri -


cresc.
ing waves, o - ver the fields,
o - ver the my - - - riad fields and
ri - - - - sing and sink - ing waves,..... o - ver the
- - - - - sing and sink - ing waves o - ver the
o - ver the fields, o - ver the prai - - ries
prai - - - - - - - - ries
fields, o - ver the fields, o - ver the prai - ries
fields, o - ver the fields, o - ver the prai - ries
Gg f
wide, I float this ca - rol, this ca - rol with
wide, I float this ca - rol, this ca - rol with
wide, I float this ca - rol, this ca - rol with
wide, I float this ca - rol, this ca - rol with
f Tromboni
marcato
Gg


sempre cresc.
joy, with joy, with joy, with joy, with
joy, this ca_rol with joy, this ca_rol with joy, with joy, joy.....
molto rall.
joy, joy to thee, O
ff
rinf.


Adagio molto.
ten.
Death.
ten.
Death.
ten.
Death.
ten.
Death.
8va
ff Tutti
sf
sf
sf
dim.
Lento come al I°
8
p Wind, Harp.
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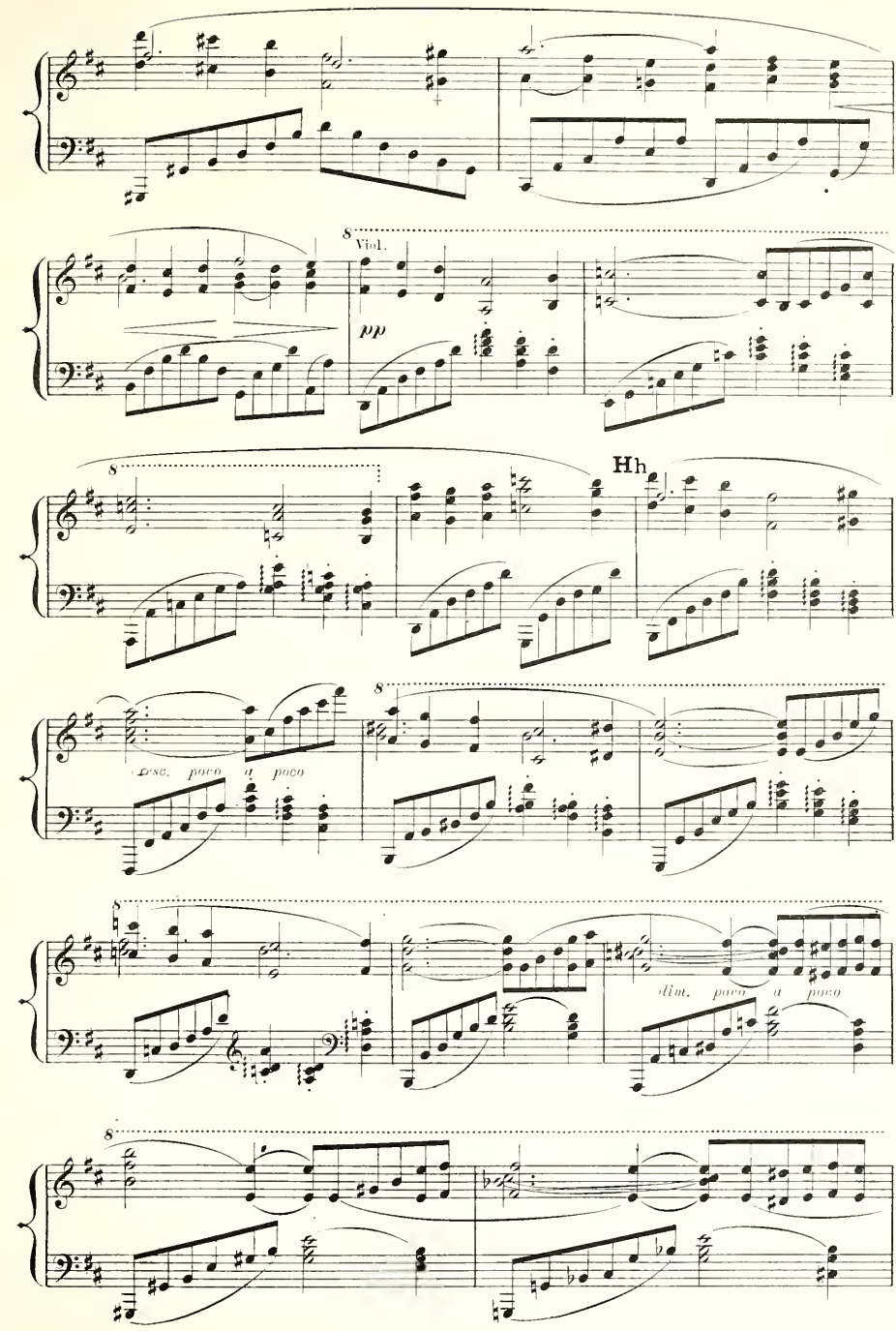
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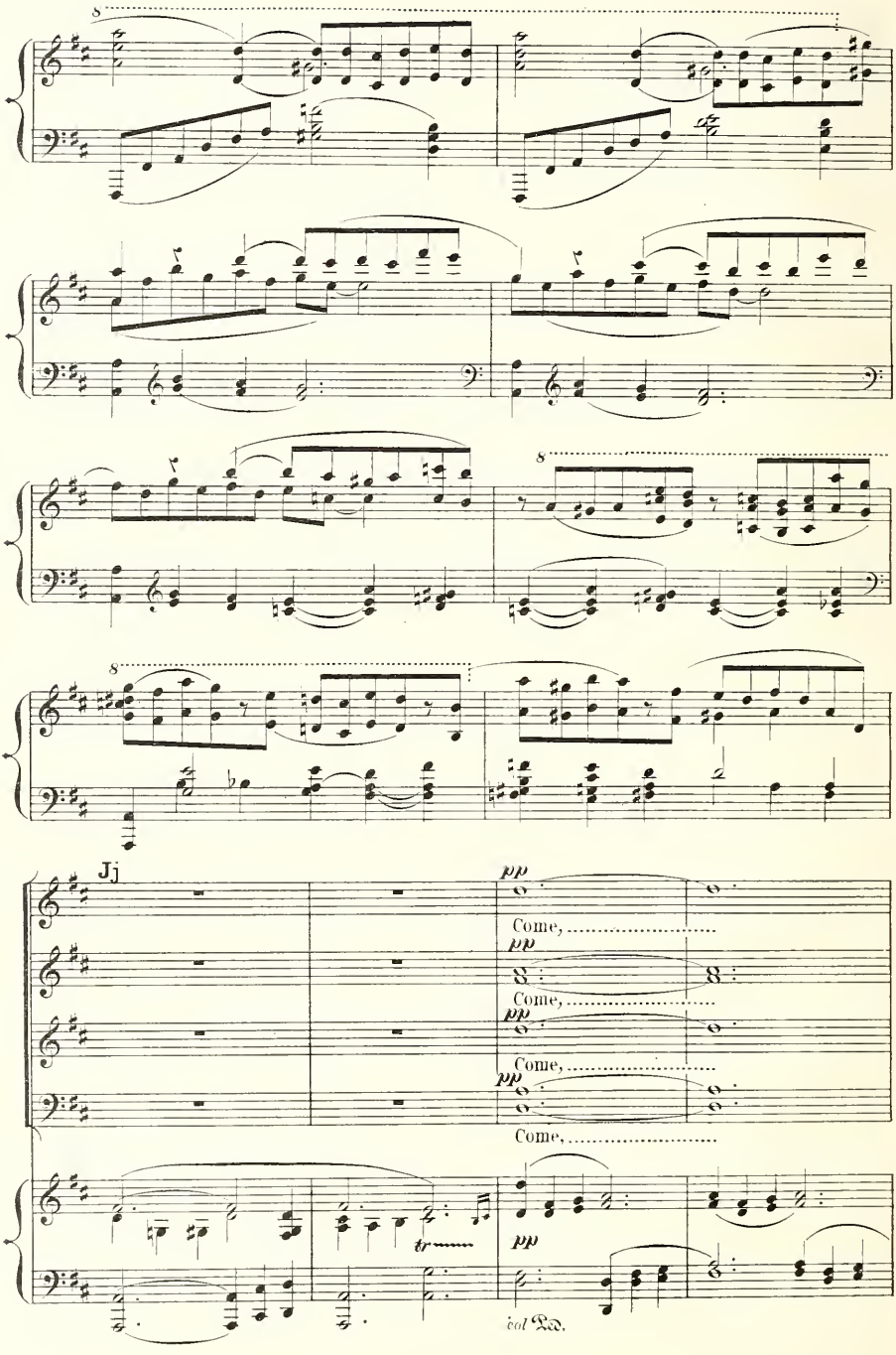
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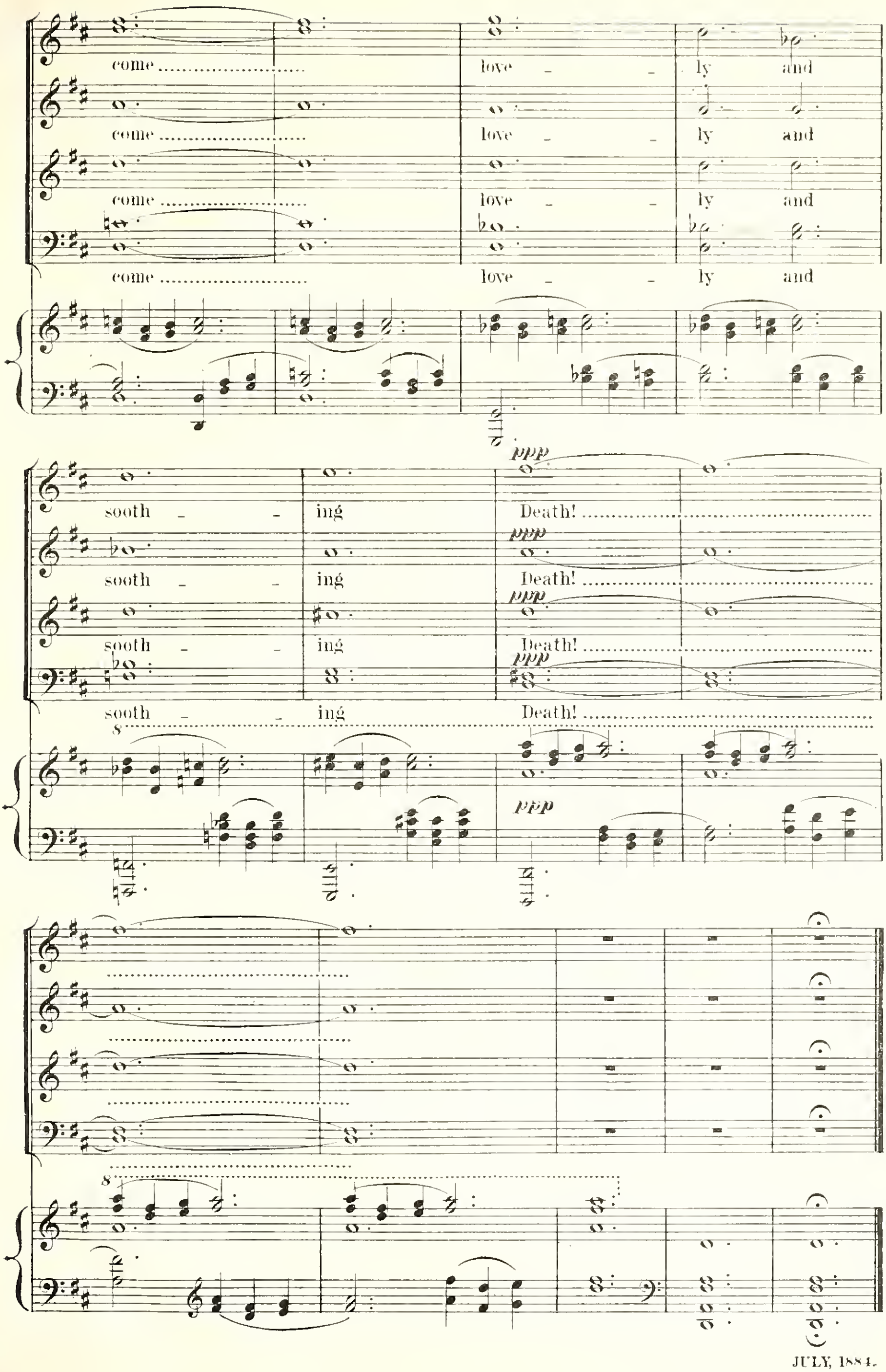
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